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STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 14 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.	No. 16 P.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 18 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 20 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	No. 22 P.M.	No. 23 P.M.	No. 24 P.M.
Kowloon	Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.10	10.00	10.30	11.15	12.00	12.45	1.30	2.15	3.00	3.45	4.30	5.15	6.00	6.45	7.30	8.15	9.00	9.45	10.30	11.15
Yuennei	Dep.	8.49	8.14	8.39	9.19	10.09	10.39	11.24	12.09	12.54	1.39	2.24	3.09	3.54	4.39	5.24	6.09	6.54	7.39	8.24	9.09	9.54	10.39	11.24
Shatin	Dep.	7.01	7.26	7.51	8.31	9.21	10.01	10.46	11.31	12.16	1.31	2.16	3.01	3.46	4.31	5.16	6.01	6.46	7.31	8.16	9.01	9.46	10.31	11.16
Taipei	Dep.	7.15	7.40	8.05	8.45	9.35	10.15	11.00	11.45	12.30	1.15	2.00	2.45	3.30	4.15	5.00	5.45	6.30	7.15	8.00	8.45	9.30	10.15	11.00
Taipei Market	Dep.	7.30	7.55	8.20	9.00	9.50	10.30	11.15	12.00	12.45	1.30	2.15	3.00	3.45	4.30	5.15	6.00	6.45	7.30	8.15	9.00	9.45	10.30	11.15
Fanning	Dep.	7.45	8.10	8.35	9.15	10.05	10.45	11.30	12.15	13.00	1.45	2.30	3.15	4.00	4.45	5.30	6.15	7.00	7.45	8.30	9.15	10.00	10.45	11.30
Shamshui	Dep.	7.55	8.20	8.45	9.25	10.15	10.55	11.40	12.25	13.10	1.55	2.40	3.25	4.10	4.55	5.40	6.25	7.10	7.55	8.40	9.25	10.10	10.55	11.40
Shamshui	Arr.	7.41	8.06	8.31	9.11	10.01	10.41	11.26	12.11	12.56	1.41	2.26	3.11	3.56	4.41	5.26	6.11	6.56	7.41	8.26	9.11	9.56	10.41	11.26
Canton	Arr.	11.50	11.55	12.00	12.05	12.10	12.15	12.20	12.25	12.30	12.35	12.40	12.45	12.50	12.55	1.00	1.05	1.10	1.15	1.20	1.25	1.30	1.35	1.40

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STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 14 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.	No. 16 P.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 18 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 20 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	No. 22 P.M.	No. 23 P.M.	No. 24 P.M.
Canton	Dep.	8.00	8.25	8.50	9.30	10.20	10.50	11.35	12.20	13.05	13.45	14.30	15.15	16.00	16.45	17.30	18.15	19.00	19.45	20.30	21.15	22.00	22.45	23.30
Shamshui	Dep.	7.18	7.43	8.08	8.48	9.38	10.08	10.53	11.38	12.23	13.08	13.48	14.33	15.18	16.03	16.48	17.33	18.18	19.03	19.48	20.33	21.18	22.03	22.48
Shamshui	Dep.	7.25	7.50	8.15	8.55	9.45	10.15	11.00	11.45	12.30	13.15	14.00	14.45	15.30	16.15	17.00	17.45	18.30	19.15	20.00	20.45	21.30	22.15	23.00
Fanning	Dep.	7.40	8.05	8.30	9.10	10.00	10.30	11.15	12.00	12.45	13.30	14.15	15.00	15.45	16.30	17.15	18.00	18.45	19.30	20.15	21.00	21.45	22.30	23.15
Taipei	Dep.	7.54	8.19	8.44	9.24	10.14	10.44	11.29	12.14	13.04	13.49	14.34	15.19	16.04	16.49	17.34	18.19	19.04	19.49	20.34	21.19	22.04	22.49	23.34
Shatin	Dep.	7.57	8.22	8.47	9.27	10.17	10.47	11.32	12.17	13.07	13.52	14.37	15.22	16.07	16.52	17.37	18.22	19.07	19.52	20.37	21.22	22.07	22.52	23.37
Yuennei	Dep.	8.11	8.36	8.61	9.41	10.31	11.01	11.46	12.31	13.21	14.06	14.51	15.36	16.21	17.06	17.51	18.36	19.21	20.06	20.51	21.36	22.21	23.06	23.51
Kowloon	Arr.	8.17	8.42	9.07	9.47	10.37	11.07	11.52	12.37	13.27	14.12	14.57	15.42	16.27	17.12	17.57	18.42	19.27	20.12	20.57	21.42	22.27	23.12	23.57

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COMMUNISTS IN MALAYA.

LIFE SENTENCE ON A LEADER.

CAREER OF WONG TECK CHAI.

The conviction of Wong Teck Chai at the Singapore Assizes last week on charges of being in possession of seditious literature and explosive substances, together with the sentence of penal servitude for life and 24 strokes of the cat passed by Mr. Justice Sproule, is an event of considerable importance in the history of Communist agitation in Malaya.

When Bolshevism spread from Moscow to Canton it was inevitable that the movement would travel southwards, eventually, and it was not long before branches were formed in Singapore, the Dutch Indies, and the Philippine Islands with the avowed object of flooding South-Eastern Asia, with Soviet propaganda. In Singapore the campaign against the Communists has been in the nature of a running fight—a series of advances and withdrawals. The Communist advance occurred when the Singapore branch of the then powerful Canton Communists was re-organised, and a flood of seditious literature was let forth upon the Chinese masses in this country. Then came the defeat of the Canton Communists by the Nationalist Party in January, and many agitators who had escaped the wholesale executions in Canton found a haven of refuge with the Singapore branch.

"Communist Youth" Movement. The defeat in Canton was followed by renewed activity in Singapore, and it was among the younger Hylams that the Communists found suitable ground in which to sow their seed, the Hylam night schools providing means of propaganda ready to hand. "Teach the Youth" was the imported slogan from Moscow. Their activities were known to the police, but in spite of arrests and seizures of seditious literature the movement continued to spread.

The First Failure. Then came the attempt to assassinate Dr. C. C. Wu, a former member of the Nanking Government, while he was passing through Singapore. That was the Communists' first serious failure, and the would-be assassin was subsequently proved to have been the appointee of Communist headquarters in Canton to direct the organisation in Singapore.

In the meantime the Criminal Investigation Department in Singapore, whose duty it is to keep in touch with underground activity of various kinds in this cosmopolitan city, was the reverse of idle. Raids were carried out wherever Communist activity was suspected, and a series of raids culminated in a very effective discovery of one of the local headquarters of the movement. During this raid a man who held the position of "military leader" in the local organisation was arrested, and documents were found outlining the Communist plans, which may be summed up as "rebellion and the snatching of the reins of government." This military leader was Wong Teck Chai.

"Organiser of Medan Strike." This name was merely his local alias. As Cheung Hong Seng, which is his real name, he is badly wanted by the Canton Government in connection with his Communist activities in China. These activities followed his banishment from Sumatra, after he had served a sentence of three years' rigorous imprisonment imposed for organising the Medan railway strike in 1921, when Dutch officials were murdered. This man had an undoubted gift for organisation and for the exploitation of mass psychology. Prior to his last visit to Singapore, which has terminated so unfortunately for him, he had only spent a few hours in this port, when he was passing through on his way to China as a Dutch banished. Yet in 1919 he was connected with anarchical activities in this country, in concert with persons who were responsible for the bomb outrage at Kuala Lumpur in 1925, in which Mr. R. Richards, the Protector of Chinese, had a narrow escape from death.

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BRIDEGROOM WHO LOVED ANOTHER.

A WIFE FOR TEN DAYS.

The case of an artist who married a woman after telling her that he was in love with somebody else was the subject of comments by Lord Merrivale in the Divorce Court. Lord Merrivale found the wife's allegations proved, but allowed the case to stand over for the King's Proctor to consider whether there had been collusion between the parties to obtain a *decree nisi*. The petition, which was undefended, was brought by Mrs. Florence Mary Mackenzie, of Winchester Road, Hampstead. She sought the dissolution of her marriage on the ground of the misconduct of her husband. Mr. Thomas Mackenzie, an artist of Camden Road, North London, at a High Wycombe hotel in July, 1927.

"Singular." Lord Merrivale said the circumstances of the marriage were singular. Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie at the beginning of their association were young people. They set up housekeeping together, and the woman became a mother.

The establishment was maintained for a good many years to July, 1925. About six months before that, Mr. Mackenzie told her he was in love with another woman, but he was willing to marry her to ensure her position and that of the child. The marriage took place in July, 1925. Husband and wife remained under the same roof for about ten days. He then went off, leaving instructions for his luggage to be sent to him. Since then he had not returned, though from time to time he visited his wife at her flat, which she maintained. The child remained with the mother.

"Grave Doubts." The husband begged his wife to divorce him. At last she said she would. Thereupon the man went to an hotel at High Wycombe, where he stayed with a woman. He sent his wife evidence of the fact.

His wife consulted her solicitor. Afterwards husband and wife met to discuss the welfare of the child.

"On the face of it the petition seems a collusive proceeding, and, if so, the wife is barred from obtaining a decree from the court. I have grave doubts that I ought not to dismiss the suit, but I will not follow that course. The wife has been remarkably ill-used."

"It happens that the court can get proper assistance to deal with such a case as this, which is not free from difficulty. The misconduct at the High Wycombe hotel has been proved. The papers, however, will be sent to the King's Proctor to investigate the matter. If there has been no collusion between the parties the court will pronounce a decree."

POLICE FIGHT ALSATIANS.

"I shudder to think what would have happened if these dogs had attacked a woman or a weak man," said the Chief Constable of South-end when applying for the destruction of two Alsatians belonging to Mr. Henry Alfred Twitchett, of London Road, Leigh-on-Sea. Constable Barr said that at 3 a.m. one dog flew at his throat, but he avoided it by ducking. The dog then leaped over his shoulder and seized his cape, while the second dog sprang at his back and snarled at his head.

He was able to take refuge in a garden until another officer arrived, and they both beat off the dogs with wooden palings. For the defence it was urged that the dogs were playful. The Bench warned Mr. Twitchett that if there was further complaint they would order the dogs to be destroyed.

Brains Of The Movement.

Wong Teck Chai was undoubtedly the brains of the local movement, and his arrest, followed by a continuance of C.I.D. raids, has completely defeated the latest and most extensive Communist offensive in Malaya. The Singapore police authorities deserve the warmest congratulations for the manner in which they have dealt with this menace to society. The movement has been temporarily arrested, but vigilance will always be necessary.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.
(May 26th.)
Queen Mary born, 1897.
Fifth Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.
Golf: Whitetide Meeting.
"V.R.C." at Home.
Kowloon Football Club dance, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Les Miserables."
World Theatre: "The Frontiersman."
Star Theatre: "The Boy Friend."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Principal Mails: — Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Malwa), 10.30 a.m.

Sunday.
(May 27th.)
Whit Sunday.

Unveiling of Queen's Regt. Memorial Plaque at St. John's Cathedral, 9 a.m. by Col. Hayley Bell.
Golf: Whitetide Meeting.
Queen's Theatre: "Thats My Daddy."
World Theatre: "Three Weeks in Paris."
Star Theatre: "Man of the Forest."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Principal Mails: — Outward: Europe via Victoria, B.C. (President Lincoln), noon.

Monday.
(May 28th.)

Whit Monday.
Fifth Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.
All day Picnic St. Peter's Club.
Queen's Theatre: "Thats My Daddy."
World Theatre: "Three Weeks in Paris."
Star Theatre: "Man of the Forest."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Principal Mails: — Outward: Europe via Victoria, B.C. (President Lincoln), noon.

Tuesday.
(May 29th.)

Anniversary of the Death of Confucius.
Sale of Crown land Kowloon Island Lot No. 2115, 3 p.m.
Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.
Half Yearly General Meeting H.K. Jockey Club, 5.15 p.m.
Extraordinary General Meeting, H.K. Yacht Club, 6 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Simon the Jester."
World Theatre: "Is Zat So?"
Star Theatre: "You'd be Surprised."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Principal Mails: — Outward: Europe via Vancouver and Europe via Siberia (Empress of Asia), 10 a.m.
Europe via Marseilles (Menelaus), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.
(May 30th.)

Property Sale Lammerge, 3 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Simon the Jester."
World Theatre: "Is Zat So?"
Star Theatre: "You'd be Surprised."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Principal Mails: — Outward: Europe via Vancouver and Europe via Siberia (Empress of Asia), 10 a.m.

Thursday.
(May 31st.)

Queen's Theatre: "Finner's Keepers."
World Theatre: "The Heart of Salome."
Star Theatre: "Ankles Preferred."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Principal Mails: — Outward: Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Feuer), 10.30 a.m.

Friday.
(June 1st.)

Queen's Theatre: "Finner's Keepers."
World Theatre: "The Heart of Salome."
Star Theatre: "Ankles Preferred."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

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INSURANCE BUSINESS.

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BUSINESS IMPROVES IN 1927.

Mr. T. G. Weall presiding at the fifty-fifth ordinary meeting of shareholders, held yesterday, said that the business was well spread and controlled and if Trade and Underwriting conditions improved, as they showed signs of doing, the Society should be in a position to reap its full share of the resulting benefits. The marine account had not shown a favourable result for the year 1927 but it promised better results in 1928 and the prospects were distinctly hopeful.

Supporting Mr. T. G. Weall (Chairman) were Messrs. W. H. Bell and W. L. Pattenden, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (Directors), and Mr. Paul Lauder (General Manager).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

WORKING ACCOUNT FOR 1927.

Addressing the meeting Mr. Weall said:- The working account for the year 1927 allowing for a bonus to contributors and an interim dividend of 24s. per share shows that the balance available for distribution is £190,833 17s. 1d. and your Directors recommend that this balance be dealt with in the following manner.

A final dividend of 10s. per share and a bonus dividend of 5s. per share on 135,000 shares be paid to shareholders, absorbing £141,750, and that the balance be carried forward to underwriting suspense account to close the account for the year 1927.

Working Account For 1927.

The balance of the working account for the year 1927 stands at £429,427 9s. 9d. and the Board recommends that an interim dividend of 24s. per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing £162,000, that a bonus of 20 per cent. be paid to contributors, absorbing about £220,000, and the remainder be carried forward.

The Marine Account.

Reviewing now the operations for the past two years the Society has found that its marine account for the year 1927 has not shown a favourable result.

The underwriting conditions in the London market were particularly unfavourable but the difficulties we experienced there have been common to the majority of the Companies operating and indeed most Marine Companies' 1927 operations will leave diminished profits if not actual loss.

Turning to the year 1927, I am happy to tell you that our marine account promises better results than the year 1926 at the same date, but it is, of course, difficult to make any very accurate gauge of the position as it all depends upon the settlements made during the second and subsequent years. The prospects, however, are distinctly hopeful.

Improvement in Fire Insurance. The results of the Society's fire business during 1927 shows marked improvement over the 1926 account and I am glad to say the business has been transacted profitably. General business, that is business other than marine and fire, although still small is conducted over a wide area and in many portions of the territory covered it is making satisfactory progress. Unfortunately, last year certain territories from which we derive a large proportion of our income proved unprofitable and the result as a whole was not satisfactory. Every effort, however, is being made to effect a change for the better and we are hopeful that improved results will be obtained.

The Political Situation.

Our business, Gentlemen, generally, is well spread and controlled and if trade and underwriting conditions improve the Society should be in a position to reap its full share of the resulting benefits. The Society has followed its usual practice and taken the whole of its investments at the market rates ruling on December 31st last.

As regards the political situation in China it is not easy to estimate the position correctly, but I think we can safely say that the general conditions in South China are very slowly changing for the better although the shadow of Civil War still hangs heavily on the land, bringing with it, as indeed it must do, a continuance of depressed conditions in the country's trade and industry.

New Premises in London and Yokohama.

As you are aware Lloyd's New Building in Leadenhall Street, London, was opened last March and the Society's underwriting room has been removed from Union Building, Nos. 78-80, Cornhill, to suitable quarters in Lloyd's new premises. Many of the other Companies have also secured offices there. It was felt that by taking this step the Company Underwriters would be more in touch with the market. The Society's former underwriting rooms have been let to a leading British bank on satisfactory terms.

Our new building at Yokohama is nearing completion and should be opened in the near future. The former building as you are perhaps aware was destroyed in the earthquake of 1923.

Death Of Mr. E. H. Finch.

It is with deep regret that I have to record the decease of Mr. E. H. Finch of The Borneo Co., Ltd., who was at the time of his death a member of the Society's London Committee.

Mr. Weall then formally proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

SECONDER'S SPEECH.

Mr. W. A. Hannibal seconding the proposal, said:-When one considers the difficult times through which we all have passed I think there is nothing but congratulation on the position in which we find ourselves at this fifty-fifth yearly meeting. Whilst we may regret that our marine account for 1927 was not so favourable I understand that underwriting generally was very disappointing, and although there is some satisfaction in knowing we were not alone in this, but one of many, I feel sure we had our share of what was going and we are glad to know that 1927 promised much better.

A Reminiscence.

If I may touch a personal note here, I might mention that my dealings with the Society extend over very many years, since when as a youngster I used to visit the old office under the Royal Exchange in connection with a settlement of some claim or other. And I can only say that the courtesy and consideration shown then has been carried on through subsequent years, and so long as that feeling of mutual confidence and amicable settlements remains the policy of this Society we are bound to go forward notwithstanding inevitable periods of depression. (Applause.)

Thanks Of Shareholders.

It is good to know that we are now housed in Lloyd's premises which is certainly being as near the spot as we can and should be of very valuable assistance. It is also pleasant to hear that our fire business has been transacted at a profit and I hope to hear next year that our general business is also on the right side.

I think I am right in saying that our general manager and those associated with him together with the Board of Directors have the sincere thanks of the shareholders for what has been done in the past and that we can look forward to the future of the Society with every confidence. With these few remarks I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. Arthur Macgowan were re-elected directors on the proposal of Mr. D. V. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. J. Ormiston.

The re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linsted & Davis as auditors was passed on the proposal of Mr. John Arnold, seconded by Mr. L. E. N. Ryan.

Shareholders Present.

Shareholders present were:- Messrs. J. W. Alabaster, A. E. S. Alves, John Bentley, John Arnold, Frank Austin, H. Birkett, P. S. Cassidy, N. V. A. Croucher, B. M. C. da Cunha, L. G. S. Dodwell, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, F. M. Ellis, Leigh Garner, W. F. Gardner, W. A. Hannibal, M. D. G. Hoare, Ho. Kom Tong, Kwok Hin Wang, E. A. Lees, Lo Chung Wan, W. B. Mansfield, P. W. Massey, M. Manuk, V. L. dos Remedios, H. C. B. Way, V. R. V. Ribeiro, C. D. Wales, Prof. D. Read, M. A. R. Souza, Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith, D. V. Stevenson, Sin Hon Ting, E. H. Summers, J. Ormiston, F. W. Stapleton, J. F. Wright, Mr. W. J. Stakes, O. F. Ribeiro, Dr. J. E. Sanders, J. A. Worswick, L. E. N. Ryan, B. L. Stewart, and A. H. M. da Silva.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

BIGGEST CREDIT-BALANCE.

COMPANY'S STRONG POSITION.

At the fifty-ninth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Mr. T. G. Weall (Chairman) announced that the balance at credit of the 1927 account was \$961,164.44 which was a considerable improvement over the balance for the corresponding period of the previous year. The payment of an interim dividend increasing the total amount now receivable by dividends and bonus by \$2 per share was justified by the strong position of the Company.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Addressing the meeting Mr. T. G. Weall said: The working account for the year 1927 shows a balance of \$333,120.34. Your Directors recommend that a dividend of \$2 per share and a bonus dividend of \$2 per share on 20,000 shares be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$220,000, and that the balance be carried forward to underwriting suspense account to close the account for the year 1927.

Balance At Credit \$961,164.44 In 1927.

The balance at credit of the 1927 account is \$961,164.44 which represents a considerable improvement over the balance for the corresponding period of the previous year. Out of this balance your Directors recommend the payment of an interim dividend of \$2 per share, absorbing \$40,000, and that the remainder be carried forward.

Payment Of An Interim Dividend.

The payment of an interim dividend is a departure from the usual procedure so far as this Company is concerned. The effect to the shareholders is to increase the total amount now receivable by way of dividends and bonus by the sum of \$2 per share which your Directors consider is justified both by the results and the strong position of the Company.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts was adopted on the proposal of the Chairman (Mr. T. G. Weall), seconded by Mr. Leigh Garner.

Other Business.

Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. Arthur Macgowan were re-elected directors on the proposal of Mr. J. A. Worswick, seconded by Mr. A. A. Alves.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linsted & Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$750 each on the proposal of Mr. V. L. dos Remedios, seconded by Mr. M. A. R. Souza.

Those Present.

Those present at the meeting were: Messrs. T. G. Weall (Chairman), W. H. Bell, W. L. Pattenden, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (Directors), Mr. Paul Lauder (General Manager), and the following shareholders: Messrs. J. W. Alabaster, A. E. S. Alves, A. A. Alves, J. Bentley, B. M. C. da Cunha, F. H. Farne, W. F. Gardner, Leigh Garner, E. A. Lees, V. L. dos Remedios, V. R. V. Ribeiro, M. A. R. Souza, and J. A. Worswick.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

BUSINESS DULL AND PRICES LOWER.

MESSRS. BENJAMIN & POTTS' REPORT.

In their report upon the local share market, dated yesterday, Messrs. Benjamin & Potts state:

The market has remained very dull throughout the week and with a few exceptions the general trend has been towards lower rates.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks, after having touched \$1.295 are slightly easier again with buyers at \$1.297. The London price has firmed up to \$125.10.0 (Middle). Unions were dealt in at \$342, and more shares can be placed. Underwriters came to business at \$2.40. Cantons continue in request at \$800.

Kowloon Wharves were negotiated at \$121 and since at \$120. China Providents are rather easier and sales have taken place down to \$2. Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels have advanced to \$8.00. Humphreys Estates have remained steady at \$141. Hong Kong Land were booked early in the week at \$24, and more can be placed at this figure.

Hong Kong Trams are on offer at \$24. Hong Kong Electric changed hands at \$89. China Lights (Old) have receded to \$11. Telephones have been in good demand and the price has advanced to \$24.

China Sugars are the turn higher and were taken off the market at \$2.90/2. Dairy Farms have further declined and were sold down to \$21. Watsons have buyers at \$14.10 after transactions at this rate.

Eros at \$1.21 and Shanghai Cottons (Old) at \$1.50 ex the dividend of \$1.50 just paid can be placed at quotations. Hong Kong Government 5 per cent. Loans are obtainable at 5 per cent. premium.

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COMING NEXT WEEK.

CINEMA NEWS.

A COMEDY ACTED AND WRITTEN BY DENNY.

Reginald Denny's latest picture, "That's My Daddy," will be screened at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow.

The picture is an unusual one, being in many ways a departure from the subjects in which Denny has made his fame and fortune. Written by Denny himself, the story tells of the embarrassing situations in which he finds himself through having told an untruth in avoiding arrest for speeding, and of the further complications which follow when he is forced to introduce a little five-year-old girl he has never seen before as his child. Barbara Kent plays opposite the comedian, while Lillian Rich and little Jane La Verne have important roles to play. "That's My Daddy" was directed by Fred Newmeyer, responsible for many of Harold Lloyd's successes.

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FEMINA AND THE PEAK TRAM.

A FEW OF THE MORE RESTRAINED REPLIES TO HER CRITICISM.

THE OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM OF THE GENTLEMEN WHO WEAR "SHORTS" WHEN TRAVELLING ON THE PEAK TRAM, CONTAINED IN THE LETTER BY "FEMINA" PUBLISHED IN THE "DAILY PRESS" YESTERDAY, APPEARS TO HAVE AROUSED THE ATTENTION OF THE WHOLE COLONY. MANY HAVE RUSHED IN TO DO BATTLE ON A SUBJECT UPON WHICH THEY OBVIOUSLY FEEL VERY DEEPLY. WE PUBLISH BELOW A NUMBER OF THE LETTERS RECEIVED. WE COULD NOT PUBLISH THEM ALL WITHOUT RUNNING THE RISK OF LOSING OUR CHERRISHED REPUTATION OF BEING A RESPECTABLE FAMILY NEWSPAPER.

HAVING HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY OF LETTING OFF STEAM WE WOULD NOW ADVISE OUR READERS TO TURN THEIR ATTENTION ONCE AGAIN TO THE SOLUTION OF THE CHINA PROBLEM. THAT IS A PROBLEM WHICH IS ALWAYS WITH US, AND WE AGREE THAT IT MAY GROW WEARISOME AT TIMES. NEVERTHELESS WE GRAVELY SUBMIT THAT IT IS A MUCH MORE SUITABLE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION IN A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG AND ENTHUSIASTIC EMPIRE BUILDERS THAN "HAIRY KNEES" EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY BE ALSO "BONY AND UGLY."

THE PEAK TRAM—SMOKING, SHORTS, DOGS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I thoroughly agree with your correspondent "Femina" in her devastating criticism of the "shorts" worn by men on the Peak tram cars, but I do not see how the Tramway Company can be held responsible.

Military officers and golfers are the worst offenders. The politeness of military officers towards the fair sex is well known, and now they realise that their "hairy, bony, ugly knees" offend the feminine gaze. I am sure they will do what they can to rectify matters. May I suggest that small rugs might be served out to the officers travelling on the car. These could be used as a kind of apron to cover their knees. When golfers saw this very delicate regard paid to female susceptibilities I am confident they would follow suit. The right feeling in the matter being thus created I am sure it would not be long before the filthy and vulgar pipe was discarded. Travelling would then become a pleasure.—Yours, etc.,

SEASON TICKET.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Surely, it is a pity for your correspondent "Femina" to squash so heavily the efforts of the male sex towards a more reasonable and decorative form of dress. Personally, I am much in favour of a "Brighter Husbands Campaign" to induce men to abandon the distressing habit of clothing their legs in stove pipes; any thing more ugly than the usual lounge suit would be difficult to imagine. The sooner men follow the sensible example set them by women, of loose necks and short sleeves, especially in a hot climate, the better.

Smoking is a very different matter. There is no doubt the habit is offensive to some people, and if the Company has seen fit to issue a bye-law forbidding smoking on the tram it should be enforced.

However, as "Femina" probably exists only in the fertile imaginations of a group of subalterns or a junior mess of one of the local business houses, I do not think that any gallant and kindly gentleman need distress himself and cover his knees on account of "her" letter.

A MODERN WOMAN.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Femina, only forgot one thing, namely that what she would no doubt call the "gin and bitters brigade" should be made to travel on top of the trams instead of inside. We all endorse her spirited protest against receiving orders or instructions from a Chinese staff. Better far to see the last tram glide past the Helens May Institute than suffer such indignities.

As regards shorts, perhaps the will collaborate with the Hong Kong Football Club to produce a nice handsome garment, say, like an American baseballers' pantaloons, which could be worn on the football field so as to set an example to Peak Tram travellers.

OLD STAGER.

BACK TO THE NINETIES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I am greatly intrigued with "Femina's" tirade in to-day's issue of your paper. The bare assertion that numerous daily users of the Peak Tram object to modern hygienic modes of dress fills me with concern. If such complainants as "Femina" are in the majority it would appear that the Peak Tramway Company, will have to provide special accommodation for the immodestly attired section who dress for comfort in a hot climate, and also enjoy their tobacco.

Does "Femina" long to return to the fashions of the gay nineties? We all knew you possessed legs in those delightful days "Femina" and the inadvertent display of a shapely ankle or even calf (sic) caused more sex attraction than hundreds of your charming sex can claim with their sensible modern garb to-day.

Presumably "Femina" disapproves of the kilt. Are the wearers of this historic and picturesque costume guilty of a sickly desire to expose naked parts of the body? What is wrong with the body anyway? I have known ladies, years ago, who wore black stockings and long black gloves, in addition to an ample bathing costume, and long germ collecting skirts ashore. Thank God, those days are over!

Human nature remains the same and fashions will not change it. People are no more immoral to-day than they were fifty years ago, but they are less hypocritical, and, one hopes, broader minded.—Yours, etc.,

HIRSTUTE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—To say that I was astonished on seeing the letter by "Femina" in the Daily Press to-day is to put it mildly. I did not think that anybody in Hong Kong—even a Peak resident—could be so fastidious over such petty trifles as to shorts, smoking and dogs in the Peak tram.

Other "half-naked men" will agree with me when I say that in such a climate as ours the wearing of shorts adds to the pleasure of playing tennis, golf and other forms of exercise necessary for the health of the barbarians who, when all is said and done, are the backbone of the Colony.

Up to the present one hasn't noticed any undue objection on the part of the Peak Tramway Company or the more reasonable members of the Community to the wearing of this "immoral attire" and when one does, it will be time enough to escort "Femina" up the Peak in the immaculate Saville Row suitings that one buys only for such occasions.—Yours, etc.,

A TRANSGRESSOR.

May 25th, 1928.

A SUPPORTER OF FEMINA.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Your correspondent, Femina, has certainly touched on a subject which is an eye-sore to the Colony. I mean the wearing of shorts by fully grown up men.

I have often heard members of this "Short Pants Brigade" criticising the shortness of women's skirts and the exposure of their arms. They mercilessly dubbed these fashionable women "brazen hussies," and yet think nothing about their own ugly and bony legs being exposed to the public gaze. Surely this is illogical. If they do not like to see their wives, mothers and sisters going about the streets with short skirts and sleeveless blouses, it should occur to them that possibly the womenfolk, on their part, do not care to have masculine, hairy knees forced upon their notice.

I also wonder if the men of this brigade really and truly think they look well in their shorts. Look at them sitting in the lobby of local hotels sipping their beer. What an unlovely picture.

And now who are the members of this brigade. This is a British Colony but the community is a cosmopolitan one. Therefore one would expect to find this brigade an international one. Well, from my two years' observation of these men masquerading as schoolboys, I find there are about 5 per cent. Chinese, 3 per cent. Portuguese, 8 per cent. Eurasians and probably one-tenth of one per cent. Americans, Italians, French and Germans, combined, leaving about 84 per cent. of British members. A fine example to foreigners!—Yours, etc.,

A FOREIGNER.

VERY INDELICATE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Dear Mr. Editor,—I know it is very indelicate of me to "write to the Papers"—my dear Mother, if she were alive, would never have allowed it—but I feel I must range myself on the side of dear "Femina" who wrote so bravely and pertinently to you yesterday.

My finer feelings too have often been outraged while travelling in the Peak Funicular Car; in fact it has required the skilled ministrations of my dear and faithful Nurse on more than one occasion to bring me round from a "vapour" and once from a severe "megrim."

I think the men in truncated nether garments are horrid, and I am ashamed to think that some of our own sex (and the Military Authorities) even encourage them to put coolness before decency. The modern females I fear are still worse in their lack of covering. Why in my young days I remember dear Father used to wear the same broadcloth frock-coat in Hong Kong both Winter and Summer.

Now-a-days even persons of both sex, in spite of inadequate clothing, allow themselves to become overheated, in fact I once saw a lady—I doubt she was—even commence perspiring in the "Car," shocking lack of control, I do think. As regards smoking, when I was a girl this would not have been allowed except in the "den" or garden.

I too think the Company's staff are very lacking in manners; they never take off their hats and bow to me as they should. On account of these indecencies I have been minded to revert to the old custom of mounting the Peak in a sedan-chair, but have been deterred by the thought of enforced views of the coolies' limbs—how shocking.

I am very sorry to have taken up so much of your valuable space, but I feel very strongly about this, and would suggest that dear "Femina" and I inaugurate a "Society for the Prevention of Indelicacy" when I am sure many would join.

Enclosing my card, I am, dear Mr. Editor—Yours sincerely,
VERY EARLY VICTORIAN.
Hong Kong, May 25th, 1928.

"I DO WANT TO MEET FEMINA."

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Dear Mr. Editor,—I do so want to meet your correspondent Femina, but meanwhile would you be kind enough to publish this letter.

Darling Femina—I was so pleased to see your letter too upright and impetuous my dear, just like Mr. Lindsay but so pure. If men will wear these septic shorts they must be taught to be inane by themselves; as my dear old cook used to say "and some is as 'and some does," and I do think, bones and hair and naked parts, I mean, just like a mortuary, you do agree don't you, my dear? And another thing, Darling, the Dairy Farm, I mean cows and even bulls my dear, quite quite naked and untidy and too shameless, I mean I do think that now we are so sensitive about decency some little garment might be—you do understand don't you dear, I mean it could be something quite comfortable and Grecian. I think it is so indispensable because we moderns feel our sex so strongly, don't you? It makes one quite uncomfortable to think of it, and as for being told to "hurry up" by a catatonic controller, I mean, I don't agree with control do you my dear? except, of course, darling Dr. Stoppel and all that sort of thing, but quite too refined and delicate. And pipes, and dogs on the seat, fancy having to sit where a dog—I mean one must wear white dresses in this heat, and besides, creatures my dear, it is all too too stuffy and I shall use a chair—Ever your enamorate,

VESTAL.

MURDER FOR \$10.

NATIONALIST OFFICIAL KILLED IN SHANGHAI.

ASSASSIN'S FIGHT WITH THE POLICE.

SHANGHAI, May 22nd.

A desperate battle between the French police and a hired assassin took place yesterday morning shortly before 9 o'clock in the Avenue Edward VII, near the Bund, when that busy thoroughfare was filled with pedestrians and hurrying vehicles. A dozen or so shots in quick succession announced the beginning of the fracas, which eye-witnesses say was over almost before it was possible to know what it was all about. A few minutes later the desperado was captured by the police, but not, however, before he had fired several shots, one of which penetrated and slightly wounded the foot of St. Gouere of the police squad which was in hot pursuit.

Nationalist Official Killed.

The alarm was first given at 8.30 in the Hotel Kwang-tai, 31 Rue du Consulat, opposite the French Consulate-General. Here two Chinese entered the room of a Chinese guest, believed to have been a Nationalist official, named Liou Yun Sz. and fired several shots from a Mauser pistol, killing the attacked man in cold blood. Shouts of "Robbers" then began to resound throughout the hotel and in the street below, and a police whistle brought the French police in the vicinity to the spot. By that time, although Chinese in the hotel declared that there had been two assassins, only one could be seen. He was trying to get away down the French Bund, into the Settlement, and when it became evident that the police were close on his tracks, he began firing backwards as he ran.

The French police officers, four Chinese policemen and a Russian constable joined the pursuit, and were successful in cutting off his escape as he turned down Avenue Edward VII. According to eye-witnesses, the man ran in a crouching position which prevented his having been hit by police shots. He in turn, however, fired and wounded M. Gouere, who fell to the pavement.

The Prisoner's Statement.

The criminal was captured alongside the curb in front of the Inter-savin Building, where several blows from the batons of F.P.Cs. Grell and Tartaroff reduced him to submission. As the Police Nord in Avenue Edward VII, the man confessed to having been hired to carry out the murder for which he was to have been paid \$10. He gave his name as Zao Lin Ling. The Mauser pistol taken from him showed several empty cartridge compartments. He was put in gaol, and investigations regarding his accomplices begun by the police who believe the murder was committed for political reasons.—N.C. Daily News.

DEATH OF SHANGHAI GEISHA GIRL.

JAPANESE REPORTER ARRESTED.

BELIEVED HIS PISTOL TO BE BE UNLOADED!

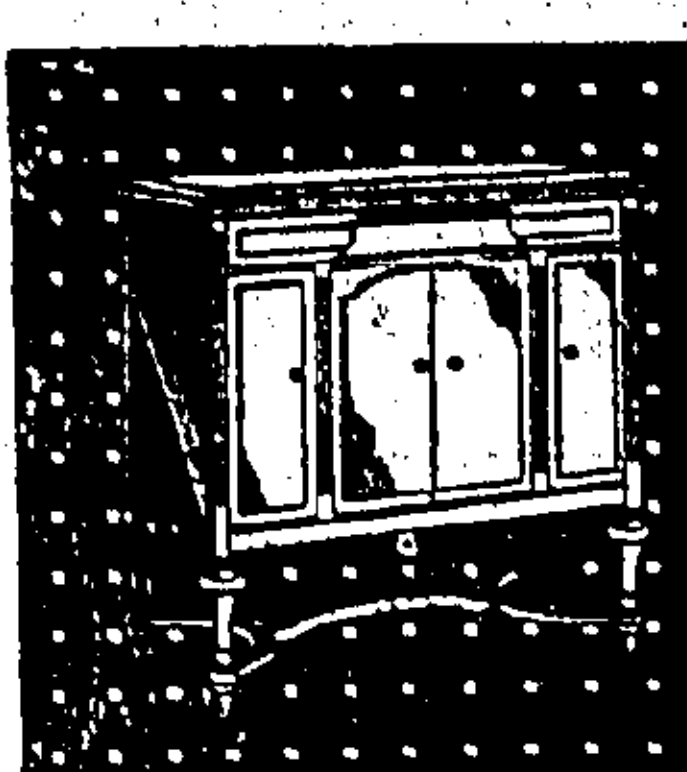
SHANGHAI, May 22nd.

C. Yamaguchi, aged 40 years, a Japanese geisha girl, was shot and instantly killed at 12.30 a.m. yesterday in her room at 2/3 Haining Road, Shanghai. The bullet penetrated her forehead, death being instantaneous. Z. Hishiyama, a reporter for the Shanghai Free Press, is being charged by the Japanese Consular police with the murder.

According to information available, Hishiyama had been drinking in the restaurant in which deceased was employed. He had conversed with her and several other girls and then went to his room, which overlooks the bedroom of deceased. She and several of her companions were in the room, when Hishiyama appeared at the window of his room. Deceased came to her window, the two being about 20 feet apart. He and she conversed for some time.

Then it is alleged that he secured his S.M.P. pistol, pointed it at the window, and pulled the trigger. With the discharge of the weapon she fell to the floor, dead. According to the others present in the room, Hishiyama came to them. He said that he regretted the affair and that he thought that the pistol was unloaded.

After the Japanese Consular police arrested him, the body was removed. Further investigations revealed that the bullet, after passing through the geisha girl's head had gone through a wooden partition, and imbedded itself in a sofa cushion.



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A NEW BOARD OF CENSORS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, May 25th.

Most of the Merchants in Canton have backed up the cautious attitude of the Government with regard to the Japanese crisis. "Workers" and students of the kind who do very well out of political agitation have not been slow to attack their natural opponents and, yielding to pressure, the merchants are making a military move towards forming an anti-Japanese Boycott Committee. They will not, however, hurry themselves as they know perfectly well that Canton's true interest is to keep out of political issues which the blundering of other people have raised.

According to local press reports Hong Kong merchants are purchasing refined sugar from European instead of Japanese hongs and have stopped taking fish from Japanese fishermen.

The leading merchants organizations in Canton have expressed unwillingness to support the municipal issue of \$600,000 in premium bonds, the proceeds of which are to be appropriated for improvements in public services. They say that the times are bad and that they have paid up heavily towards the ten-million-dollar loan for the rehabilitation of the Central Bank of China. The merchants, while not definitely opposing the loan are asking the Authorities to delay the issue.

The Canton City Merchants Association has protested to the Bureau of Finance of Kwangtung against the activities of license inspectors. Many inspectors have, it is alleged, formulated charges against merchants on very inadequate grounds.

The banknotes of the Canton City Bank are being negotiated on the market without much question and the Bank is now issuing 50-cent and 10-cent subsidiary notes. These notes will become very popular, it is thought, as the City is short of small coins and many on the market are spurious.

The third Canton Public Schools Sports Meeting was held to-day, unusual interest being shown by all. The finals were to have been completed but up to the time of writing it looked as if the meeting will have to be extended to Saturday.

By special resolutions of the Canton Administrative Council, a Board of Censors, with Mr. Hsieh Chi, a former procurator-general of the Military Government in Canton, as President is to be set up. The Board is to inspect and supervise the work of all officials and will submit reports and where necessary formulate charges of corruption and malpractice in both the civil and the military service. Previous efforts of this kind have not been successful, militarists seldom pay any attention to impositions by a civil and the financial authorities, when displeased with the Board, can practically close it by refusing to pay its expenses and salaries. Whether this new Board of Censors will do anything to check many unsatisfactory features of the administration in the provinces will be watched with great interest.

ANTI-JAPANESE AGITATORS.

MORE ARRESTED YESTERDAY.

Yesterday the Police effected the arrests of another three men believed to be anti-Japanese agitators. They were found, it is believed, with anti-Japanese literature in their possession.

In the evening at about seven o'clock, a Chinese was seen walking about Connaught Road Central with a banner on which words of an anti-Japanese nature were written. He was at once apprehended and taken to the Central Police Station.

FUNERAL OF MR. LEE HYSAN.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

SCENE AT THE "LAST MEETING PLACE."

BURIAL AT THE "PERMANENT CEMETERY."

The sad finale to a singularly callous and brutal crime took place yesterday when the remains of the late Mr. Lee Hysan were laid to rest at the Chinese "Permanent" Cemetery.

Mr. Lee Hysan, it will be remembered, was murdered at the entrance of Yue Kee Club on April 30th. His assassin has so far not been traced. The deceased's family offer a reward of \$10,000 to anyone who will supply information leading to the arrest of the murderer, but so far no arrest has been made.

The funeral, judging by wealthy Chinese standards, was comparatively simple. The procession was a long one, not because there were more than usual of the symbolic figures which appear in a big Chinese funeral procession, but owing to the hundreds of scrolls, the presence of the South China Athletic Association's troop of Boy Scouts and the students of a free school conducted by the same Association, of which the late Mr. Lee Hysan was the president.

There was an impressive scene at the "Last Meeting Place," at Kennedy Town, where the cortege halted for fully three hours for friends and business associates to pay their last respects to the deceased. The interment was at the Permanent Cemetery at Aberdeen. The band of the 2nd Battalion, K.O.S.B. was engaged for the occasion but as it is against Military orders for a regimental band to take part in a procession, they only played at deceased's house before the procession started and again at the "Last Meeting Place."

The Order of Procession. The procession was headed by the Chung Sing band, followed by the 8th Company of Boy Scouts, carrying a floral scroll. Then came an effigy of the "Hui Lo Wong," the deity for opening a thoroughfare to the nether world. This "road-opener" was made of paste-board and stood fully eight feet high.

Then came the scrolls. Over hundred coolies were engaged to carry these impressive tributes. They were presented by deceased's friends and business associates and on each one of them were written the good qualities of the late Mr. Lee Hysan. Following the scrolls were a party of school boys from the free school run by the South China Athletic Association, of which organization the deceased was president.

Then came a succession of flower bedecked pagodas followed by a sedan chair bearing an inscription recording the name and age of the deceased. A number of bonzes and nuns chanting prayers followed immediately behind.

Then came another group of images of other deities, a sedan chair bearing a photograph of the deceased, and the funeral chair with the tablet which will be used in the rites of ancestral worship accorded by the family. This chair was escorted by two nephews of the deceased, who were followed by the remainder of the deceased's relatives and kinsmen.

The chief mourners were Mr. Lee Hysan's five sons and four daughters. The sons were encoined in a curtain and were guarded by six Indian watchmen. The widow and three concubines followed the catafalque, and last of all was a long column of motor-cars and several hundreds of friends on foot.

The Route.

The procession was about two miles long. It reached the corner of Ice House Street and Queen's Road Central at 11 a.m. sharp and took fully 45 minutes to pass. The route was then through Queen's Road East and from there through Des Voeux Road and Hill Road. The procession then proceeded along Queen's Road West and into West Point. At Whitty Street, West Point, the funeral paraphernalia and Chung Sing band left and

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CHINESE NEWS-PAPER PROSECUTED.

ALLEGED EVASION OF CENSORSHIP.

SOLICITOR'S CRITICISM.

A strong protest was made by Mr. M. K. Lo at the Central Magistracy yesterday against the censorship of local Chinese newspapers. Mr. Lo was appearing before Lt.-Col. F. Eaves for the Hong Kong Sun Po, the printers and publishers of which were summoned for publishing a newspaper on the 9th and May 10th, which was calculated or intended to persuade or induce persons to refrain from dealing with or trading with persons in the course of trade, business or occupation or employment, contrary to the Emergency Regulations of 1922, and (2) printing a newspaper which contained matter in Chinese, other than a bona fide trade advertisement, which had not been previously submitted to and passed by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, contrary to the same regulations.

On an application being made by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, who prosecuted, for an adjournment on the ground that the principal witness who was responsible for the censoring of the two papers was unable to be present owing to illness, Mr. Lo said: I don't think any objection by me will avail. There is one point on which I don't know whether your Worship can assist. This prosecution, as will be shown, will raise a very important question of a principle as to how far regulations passed in times of emergency are to be used to curb the freedom of the Press. I shall have very strong comments to make, but what my clients would like to know, especially in the presence of the Assistant Attorney General, is whether they are going to be permitted to give a fair and impartial account of what took place in this Court or do they have to submit their copy to the "whims, fancies and idiosyncrasies" of some paid servant of the Government service?

His Worship remarked that the report might be fair or unfair, but in any event it would have to be passed by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. Continuing, Mr. Lo said that he failed to see why his clients should be debarred from publishing a fair and impartial account of the proceedings as was the practice in all civilized countries. His Worship thought that, as a Chinese newspaper, it would as a matter of routine have to be censored.

After fixing next Friday afternoon for hearing of the case, his Worship remarked that even what Mr. Lo said in Court could not be published unless it was duly censored.

Mr. Lo described the regulations as unconstitutional and said he hoped to show at the next hearing that, there being no emergency, the regulations should have been withdrawn.

Mourners and friends escorted the coffin to the "Last Meeting Place."

On arrival, there the coffin was placed into the big pavilion where refreshments were served to all. Friends and business colleagues then paid their last respects to the deceased by bowing three times before the coffin. To the right of the coffin the dead man's five sons maintained the kowtow position until the last friend had paid his respects.

Over a thousand persons were waiting at the "Last Meeting Place" and among those present were Messrs. A. E. Wood, D. H. Blake, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kote-wai, Sir Shou Sen Chow, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Li Yau Tun, Mr. Li Po Kwa, Dr. Jau Hawk, Mr. G. C. Anderson, Mr. Ho Lu, Mr. G. Kwong, Mr. Ho Leung and many others.

The cortege left the last meeting place at about 3 p.m. for the Chinese Permanent Cemetery at Aberdeen, and was accompanied there by members of deceased's family and relatives.

There were several hundreds of wreaths sent. It was understood that His Excellency, Sir Cecil Clementi, had sent a wreath at an earlier date.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

ALLEGED MISCHIEF MAKERS UNDER ARREST.

DISTRIBUTION OF PAMPHLETS.

Two more cases of alleged distribution of pamphlets and possession of seditious literature were before the Magistrates yesterday. In the Kowloon Court, an unemployed Chinese and a schoolgirl were the accused. A singular remand was given for the same purpose when Sergeant Nottram stated that the documents contained passages against the Japanese Government, while reference was also made to the British Government.

BUS DRIVER AND A MOB.

Accused of disorderly conduct, a Chinese pleaded "not guilty" before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Defendant was charged in connection with an incident which arose after a passenger fell from a motor bus at Laichikok. The driver of the vehicle was abused by passers by, and on the return journey there was a large crowd waiting to assault him. The police, however, dispersed the mob, who were alleged to have been collected by the defendant.

Maintaining that he had done nothing wrong, the defendant refused to be bound over and the case was adjourned until this morning.

AMBITIOUS FILIPINOS.

Two young Filipinos whose ambition was to get to America by stowing away from Manila on the s.s. *West Norel* appeared in the Kowloon Court on a charge of being stowaways.

According to Sergeant Morison, the defendants came out of the cargo hold where they had been hiding, the day after the ship left port.

A fine of \$30, or three weeks' hard labour, was imposed.

YACHT BOY DISCHARGED.

The Chinese yacht boy charged with stealing the sum of \$23 from Lieut. Burns of the Scots Guards on board the yacht *Gael* off Lamma Island while the latter was out bathing was yesterday discharged by Mr. W. Schofield.

Mr. J. M. Remedios appearing for the defendant said that there was no evidence against the defendant. The money was not found on his person. It was discovered under a plank in the starboard bow. Furthermore the charge read that defendant did "take and carry away," and the only evidence before the Court was that the money was taken from the pocket of complainant's trousers and found elsewhere on board the same vessel. It was not taken away, as the charge suggested.

NATIONALIST RECRUITING OFFICER'S COMPLAINT.

Two Chinese were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Mr. W. Schofield with demanding \$18 from a Chinese who was described as clerk to a troop leader in Shanghai.

Complainant's story was to the effect that while he was on board a steamer, the two defendants went to him and dragged him out of the captain's room. They demanded \$80, but complainant wrenched himself free and escaped into the captain's room. Later, the same night, the defendants were alleged to have approached the complainant and asked for \$30. They threatened violence if the money was not paid.

The next day, complainant went ashore. He was followed by the defendants who traced him to a house, and for the next four days, the two defendants visited complainant every day and demanded money. They eventually came down to \$18 and on the complainant refusing to pay, they were alleged to have assaulted him.

Complainant reported the matter to the police who gave him a marked ten dollar note to hand to the defendants. The trap was laid and with two Chinese detectives hiding in the room, the defendants came for the money on May 23rd. They were paid and were immediately arrested.

The defendants said that they were asked by the complainant to get recruits and that they would be given \$2.50 for every recruit introduced to the complainant. The money they asked for were legitimately earned. The case was adjourned until next Monday.

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KIDNAPPER CONVICTED.

SIX MONTHS' HARD LABOUR.

BOYS SOLD FOR \$60 AND \$90.

The two Chinese who were charged with detaining and kidnapping two little Chinese boys were again before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Detective Sergeant Oren, was in charge of the case, and Mr. F. H. Losby appeared on behalf of the second defendant Choi Ling. The first defendant, Yee Yueng was not legally represented.

The father of the two kidnapped boys told the Court that he first missed his sons on March 25th, and reported the matter to the Police. A reward for the boys was at once issued. He received by mail a letter which requested him to bring \$400 to a certain tea-house in Yau-mat and his sons would be returned to him. He went to the Tea-House but nobody spoke to him. A second letter was handed to him by the third defendant, which asked him to come to Cheung Muk Tau with \$372.40. He detained the carrier and handed him over to the Police. (This man was subsequently discharged at the previous hearing.) Witness said that he had never seen the two defendants before.

Lau King Nam, the carrier of the letter and who was now discharged, gave evidence for the Crown. He said that he went to No. 98 Wai Ching Street to visit a friend, and saw two boys in the first defendant's cubicle. He overheard the first defendant Ah Lee, alias Lee Leung, who is not in custody, say that he had two boys for sale. The next morning the second defendant took the boys to Cheung Muk Tau, where they were sold. The elder realised \$60, but \$90 was paid for the younger boy. He saw the reward, and went to inform the parents about the fate of their sons. He was given \$15 to bring the boys back to Hong Kong, but was arrested by the Police.

With the formal evidence of a Chinese Detective the case for the prosecution closed. It was through Lau's information that the two defendants were arrested.

Submission for Defence.

Mr. Losby in his submission for his client, the second defendant, remarked that the kidnapping could not be challenged. However, his client had only travelled in the train with the real kidnapper Lee Leung, the man who is not in custody, and it was his client who had sent somebody to recover the boys. This was done at his own expense. Lee Leung had told him that the boys were his younger brothers who were penniless, and that he was taking them into the country. At the time his client was unaware of the intentions of Lee Leung, but as soon as he found out he did everything possible to recover the boys.

The Magistrate then remarked that the evidence against the second defendant was insufficient and discharged him.

The first defendant who was not legally represented said that Lee Leung had told him a pitiable story, and asked him to buy the boys, which he did so for the sum of \$5.00. Lee Leung had also given him \$1.00 to buy provisions. Lee Leung absconded when he heard of witness's arrest.

For detaining and kidnapping the two boys the Magistrate passed a sentence of three months' hard labour on each charge, the sentences to run consecutively.

A JUROR'S EXCUSE.

Mr. A. W. H. Edie, of the P. & O. Company, was summoned before Lt.-Col. F. Eaves at the Central Magistracy for absconding himself from the jury summoned to attend a recent death enquiry.

Defendant said that being very busy in connection with the departure of a ship he forgot the summons.

Remarking that that was no excuse, and that summonses have to be obeyed, his Worship fined the defendant \$10.

NO PLACE TO PUT BRANDY.

Arrested by a detective in Jordan Road for unlawful possession of five bottles of Hennessy's brandy, a Chinese told the Kowloon Magistracy that the liquor was given to him by a friend who had no place to put it.

At defendant's request, the case was adjourned until this morning to give him a further chance to search for the man.

DAMAGING A PLANTATION.

Mr. J. R. Carr, of the Botanical and Forestry Department, appeared as complainant against a Chinese who was summoned before the Kowloon Magistracy for trespassing on Crown land and stealing wood. It was found that sixteen trees had been cut down in that area. The defendant was fined \$50, or one month's hard labour.

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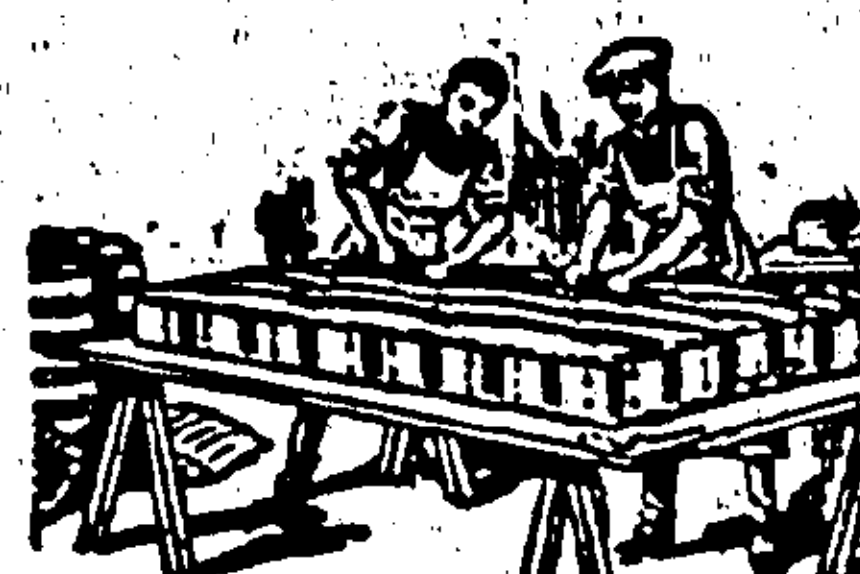
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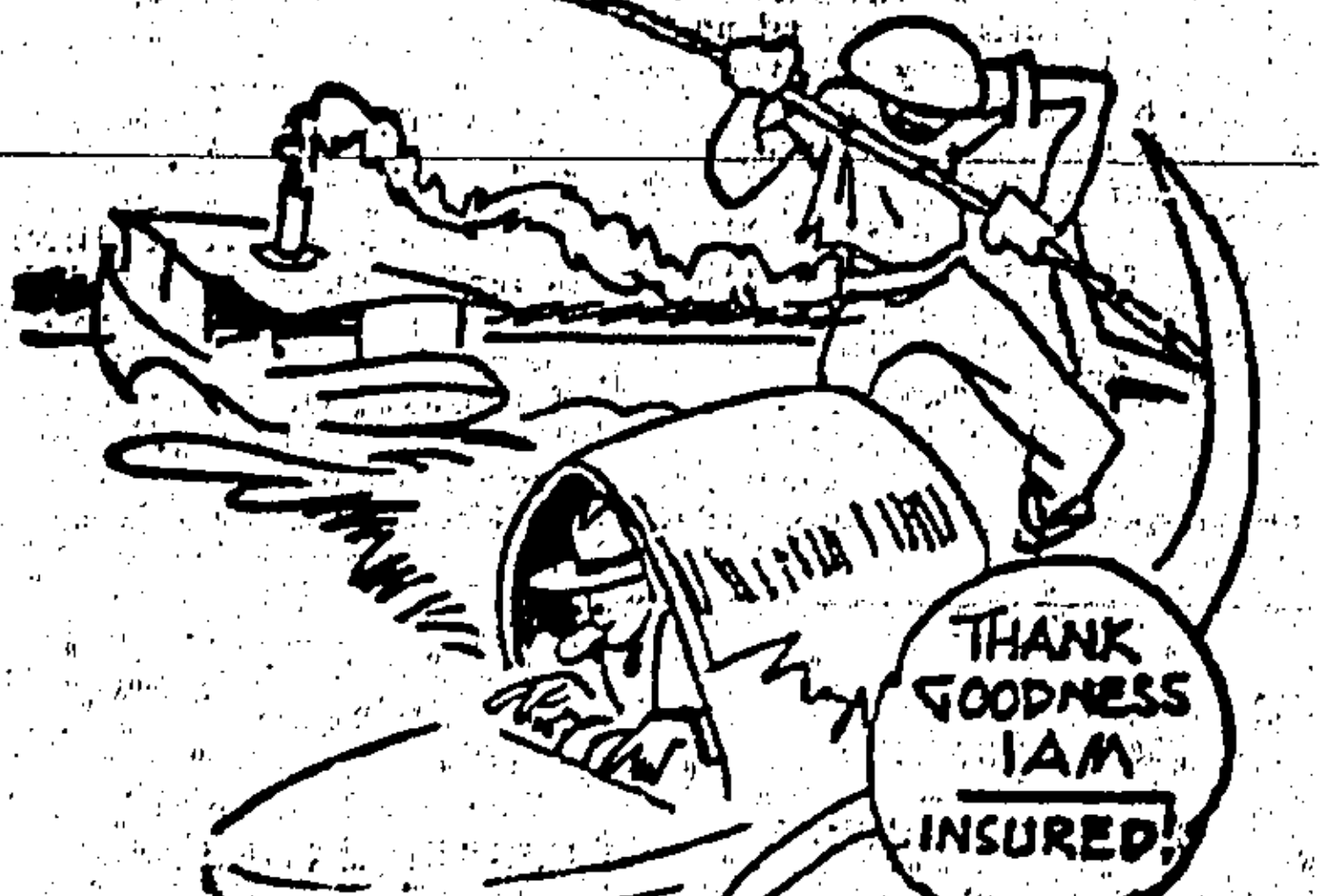
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A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hong Kong, 25th May, 1928. [6391]

WILLIAM POWELL, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING called for the 21st DAY OF JUNE, 1928, and the 22nd DAY OF JUNE, 1928, for the purpose of passing and considering a Special Resolution for Reduction of the Company's Capital will be held at the Office of LANE, CRAWFORD, LIMITED, Exchange Buildings, Victoria, Hong Kong, instead of the Registered Office of the Company, POWELL'S BUILDING, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, as previously notified.

By Order of the Directors,
A. C. HOWELL,
Secretary.
[6394]

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 28th INSTANT. Hong Kong, 25th May, 1928. [6284]

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L. C. F. BELLAMY,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, May 23rd, 1928. [6295]

THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1911-1925.

COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES.

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LTD.

PASSED 18th MAY, 1928.

AT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company duly convened and held at the Office of the Company, Prince Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on the 18th DAY OF MAY, 1928, the following Extraordinary Resolution was duly passed:

"That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business and that it is advisable to wind-up the same and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily."

"And that JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., of Pedder Street, Victoria, Hong Kong, and JOHN FLEMING, of the same address, be appointed Jointly and severally Liquidators for the purpose of such Winding-up."

B. D. F. BEITH,
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Hong Kong, 19th May, 1928. [6292]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00 Per Day. Each Member can obtain, upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for Admission of 2 Ladies Free of Charge.

Bookmakers, Tia Tse Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Happy Valley Jockey Club during the Race Meeting. [6288]

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

DEBENTURE DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Undermentioned Debentures of the above Club were Drawn at the Registered Office of the Club on FRIDAY, 4th MAY, at 6 P.M.

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945	179	201	27
162	130	100	14
104	247	177	237
255	89	202	98
117	188	128	95
91	5	240	102
258	158	112	139
164	26	153	67
114	185	111	26
58	107	49	26
191	221	110	148
89	135	189	216
43	82	11	105
180	183	167	227
231	193	154	75

Holders of Drawn Debentures are Herby Notified that These Debentures will be Redeemed, with the Accrued Interest for 5 Months, on Handing their Debentures over to the HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after 31st AUGUST, 1928.

By Order of the Committee,
R. LAPSLEY,
Hon. Secretary.
[6286]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Certificate No. 2467 dated 30th AUGUST, 1900, for 25 Shares of this Company Numbered 2465-2475 registered in the Name of MRS. MARION LEGGE has been LOST or DESTROYED, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Company before the 12th JUNE, 1928, a New Certificate for the said Shares will be issued, and the Old Certificate No. 2467 will be thereafter treated by this Company as Null and Void.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 11th May, 1928. [6241]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES, 1911-25.

IN THE MATTER OF CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED (In Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company are required on or before the 30th DAY OF JUNE, 1928, to send in their Names and Addresses and the particulars of their Debts and Claims, if any, to the Undersigned at Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Victoria, Hong Kong, and if so required by Notice in Writing from the Undersigned to come in and prove their said Debts and Claims at such Time and Place as shall be specified in such Notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from any Distribution which may be made before such Debts are proved.

Dated this 19th Day of May, 1928.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
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Co-Liquidators. [6293]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES, 1911-25.

IN THE MATTER OF CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED (In Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of Section 181 of the Companies Ordinance 1911-25, a MEETING of Creditors will be held at the Office of the Liquidators Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Victoria, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 18th JUNE, 1928, at 11 A.M. for the purpose provided for in the said Section.

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DEATHS.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, MAY 26th, 1928.

FOREIGN POLICY IN CHINA.

BRITAIN'S policy in China was reaffirmed during question time in the House of Commons on Wednesday. Whilst maintaining unaltered its attitude of strict neutrality towards all contending parties, the Government will take every step that may be deemed necessary to ensure the adequate protection of British subjects. Such a statement clearly defines our position and should prove satisfactory not only to the Chinese of all parties but

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purpose is to be served at the

moment by questioning her motives. Action was forced upon her at Tsinan by the rioting of communist soldiers as the result of which a number of Japanese were killed. So much is admitted and Japan has officially stated that she will withdraw her troops as soon as order can be guaranteed. As far as we can see, there has been no serious interference with the campaign between North and South. Fighting which appears to be the beginning and the end of the policy of the Chinese militarists is proceeding over a wide front. Japan has declared that she will not allow a disorderly rabble of soldiers to overrun Manchuria where she has great business interests, but it need not be inferred from that that she intends to establish a protectorate over the territory. A defeated army running wild through the Northern provinces would create trouble everywhere. There would be no commander with sufficient authority to accept responsibility for their actions. "Incidents" in which Japanese were involved would arise without number and inevitably it would mean the despatch of large bodies of Japanese troops to do work which ordinarily should be undertaken by the police. Japan's attitude, therefore, as far as Manchuria is concerned seems to be a wise one. The Nationalists certainly have no cause for complaint and as no strong protest has yet been entered by CHANG TSO LIN there is no particular reason why others should intervene.

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to British residents in the Far East generally. Great Britain could do no less; it has no desire to do more. There was a time when many Chinese would have welcomed foreign intervention on the ground that it was the only effective means of checking disorder and preventing the country from falling into a state of chaos. Whether they were right no one can now say. Intervention was regarded as impracticable by the foreign powers and any opportunity there may have been for achieving anything worth while by such a course has passed. China must settle her own difficulties in the best way she can and providing legitimate foreign interests are not seriously endangered she may be assured that there will be no outside interference. Naturally everyone engaged in trade in the Far East would like to see a peaceful and united China, but at the same time everyone recognises that China must secure that peace and unity by her own efforts. In the present state of feeling, when action, however disinterested it might be, is bound to be misunderstood, no one will willingly put a finger in the pie.

Most people will agree with Sir ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN'S opinion that Commander KENWORTHY'S statement regarding Japanese policy was premature. Commander KENWORTHY remarked that it would be essential for Great Britain to maintain "an open door" if Japan should establish a protectorate over Manchuria. Very often these suggestions of what should, and should not, be done in circumstances which have not yet arisen are very mischievous in their effect. Japan has a sufficiently difficult and delicate task to carry through, and no good

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INDIAN WAR MEMORIAL UNVEILED.

THE HON. MR. W. T. SOUTHERN'S TRIBUTE.

OUR INDIAN BROTHERS-IN-ARMS.

A very impressive ceremony took place yesterday afternoon at the Indian Cemetery, Kowloon, when H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) unveiled a Memorial to eight Indian soldiers who died here during the Great War. The Memorial was erected at the joint expense of the Imperial War Graves Commission and the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund.

H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G. (O.C. South China Command), was among the many officers present. The Guard of Honour was supplied by the Punjabis and all Indian units were represented, Lt.-Col. H. T. C. Ivens being in command.

There was also a detachment of Indian police who served in the Great War.

H.E. THE HON. MR. W. T. SOUTHERN'S ADDRESS.

Addressing the assembly H.E. the Officer Administering the Government said:

We have assembled to-day to unveil a memorial of those Indian soldiers who died in Hong Kong while on active service during the Great War. It is, of course, known that these soldiers did not lose their lives by direct enemy action on the field of battle, but in as much as service to the Empire required some to fight in the trenches, some to remain at the base, and some to guard the outposts of our distant possessions, the British Government decided that there should be no differentiation in the honour paid to the memory of those soldiers who lost their lives in loyal service to the Empire in her hour of need. I need not remind you of the wonderful response of the Indian Empire to the nation's call for help. From the highest to the lowest in the land our Indian brothers-in-arms flocked to the support of the British cause, and some in the course of duty were posted to Hong Kong. Here eight Indian soldiers died, and to their memory this tablet which I have the honour to unveil has been erected at the joint expense of the Imperial War Graves Commission and the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund. May it ever be a reminder of India's honourable participation in the War, and to all those races which enjoy the Pax Britannica an inspiration to loyal service to the Empire.

The Unveiling.

The Memorial which was covered with two Union Jacks was then unveiled by His Excellency, and after the Last Post had been sounded by the Buglers, a two minute silence was observed.

His Excellency then laid a wreath on the Memorial, and wreaths were also laid by H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, Lt.-Col. H. T. C. Ivens, and from other units.

His Excellency then left in his car accompanied by his A.D.C., Capt. Whyte, R.E.

The Memorial.

The Memorial is situated in a quiet valley surrounded on all sides by little hills. The Memorial is about 10 feet high and made of white Granite, and inscribed on it are the names of those who perished in the Great War.

The inscription is as follows:—

"In memory of the brave Hindus and Sikhs who sacrificed their lives in the Great War for their King and Country."

Royal Garrison Artillery.

Hong Kong & Singapore Mounted Battery:—Gunner Arjan Singh, 26.8.18.

24th Punjabis:—Sepoy Bocha, 28.6.18; Bugler Tulan Singh, 27.1.18; Beaser Summat, 7.9.14.

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28th Sikhs:—Sepoy Sapuran Singh, 2.4.15.

40th Pathans:—Sepoy Sain, 15.11.14.

RAILWAY TUNNEL MYSTERY.

FARMER STABBED TO DEATH.

MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE BY KNOWN CHINESE.

A report was made to the Police that the dead body of a Chinese farmer named Mo Cheung, about 40 years of age, had been found in No. 3 Railway Tunnel near Sha Tin at 1.15 yesterday morning. The victim had been stabbed in the body and head but no weapon was found. The body was taken to the Kowloon Public Mortuary for post-mortem examination. The deceased lived in an unnumbered matshed at Ho Wo Tso, in the Shatin district. It is believed that he was murdered near Tai Po Kau and his body dragged to the Railway Tunnel.

A later report states that a farmer named Lau Sang, was in a shop on the Tai Po road on Thursday when he was accosted by another Chinese who came up and told him to tell Cheung Wah, of Hang Yang, to go to the rescue of a man who had been attacked and was lying in No. 3 Railway Tunnel seriously injured. The speaker then walked away in the direction of Hong Kong. The only description given by Lau Sang of his mysterious informant was that he wore black clothing, shoes and stockings, and a black felt hat. He came from the direction of Tai Po.

Later reports from Police headquarters were to the effect that near the dead body a pair of scissors, a closed pocket knife and a half torn jacket were found, and there were signs that a severe struggle had taken place.

In the pocket of the dead man there were four \$1 notes.

FRANK HAYTOR SUED.

MR. DUNBAR RECEIVES WORTHLESS CHEQUE.

JUDGMENT AGAINST DEFENDANT.

A case of considerable interest to local race-goers was heard yesterday morning before the acting Puisne Judge, Mr.

PEKING REPLIES TO JAPAN.

CANNOT AGREE TO MANCHURIAN MEASURES.

NATIONALIST NAVAL SQUADRON FOR THE NORTH.

CHANG TSO LIN TO WITHDRAW TO FENGTIEN?

The Peking Foreign Office open their note of reply to the Japanese memorandum by pointing out that the Japanese and Marshal Chang Tso Lin, as shown in his circular telegram, are both seeking the same ends. In the matter of Japanese intervention in Manchuria, however, the Peking note shows determination, saying that they can never agree to any proposition of Japan taking measures to deal with the situation in Manchuria.

There has been little serious fighting recently between North and South, both sides have probably been too much occupied with the Japanese question, but it appears now as though the next important battle will be at Hsien, which lies between the Peking-Hankow and the Tientsin-Pukow Railways. Here both the Fengtienese and the Nationalists are reported to be massing troops. Meanwhile Feng claims to be closing in on Tientsin.

On the Shansi front too the Fengtienese are taking up strong defensive positions, to meet the attacks the Yen Shih Shan, the Shansi Tupan. The main resistance will be put up at Kalgan, but there are other Fengtienese army corps stationed along the railway between this point and Peking.

The case of General Ching Chien, who was subdued by Li Tsung Jen a day or two ago, is apparently raising a certain amount of interest. It is quite clear that the early report of his execution is unfounded. Admiral Yang Shu Wang has entered a plea that Li Tsung Jen should allow him to go to Nanking and explain his case.

The railway from Peking to Fengtien, according to a late cable to the vernacular papers, is crowded with Fengtienese supporters, while 1,500 of Marshal Chang Tso Lin's bodyguard have already moved to Fengtien. It is thought that Marshal Chang Tso Lin may be re-considering his decision not to retire from Peking.

REPLY TO JAPAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, May 25th. The Waichiaopu has issued a reply to the Japanese memorandum on May 18th. After quoting the memorandum, it says, "Japan's desire to see an early termination of civil strife in this country is in the opinion of the Chinese Government exactly in harmony with Chang Tso Lin's circular telegram of May 6th. In this he advocated a cessation of hostilities."

In as much as such a desire is promoted by friendly sentiments it is deeply appreciated by the Chinese Government.

On the other hand, the Chinese Government can never agree to the proposition that should disturbances develop further in the direction of Peking and Tientsin, so as to affect Manchuria, the Japanese Government may be constrained to adopt appropriate and effective measures to cope with the situation."

RETREAT TO FENGTIEN?

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, May 25th. 1,500 of Chang Tso Lin's body guard left for Fengtien yesterday. All stations along the Peking-Fengtien Railway are full of Fengtienese troops and it looks as though Chang Tso Lin is preparing to go to Fengtien.

NORTHERNERS IN TSINGTAO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TSINGTAO, May 25th. General Yasumitsu, Chief of the Japanese Third Division, has requested the Northern Chinese troops, stationed at Tsingtao to withdraw seven miles from the city. No time limit has been fixed for the evacuation.

JAPANESE FLAG IN TSINAN.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, May 25th. The Japanese Military authorities at Tsinan are reported to be compelling Chinese merchants to fly the Japanese flag. Mr. Chao Hsin Pu, the proprietor of a silk firm in the walled city of Tsinan, refused to comply with the Japanese authorities' demands, and was shot down by a Japanese soldier. His firm was occupied by Japanese troops.

JAPAN'S FORCE AT TIENTSIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TIENTSIN, May 25th. 800 Japanese troops of the Third Division arrived here yesterday evening. The main body is expected to-day. The total Japanese force in Tientsin will eventually be approximately 4,000 men, twelve guns and nine planes.

HALF BAKED DOCTRINES.

LONDON UNIVERSITY CRITICISED.

U.S. DOCTOR RESIGNS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, May 25th. Doctor Abraham Flexner, Director of studies of the General Education Board founded by Mr. Rockefeller, which is empowered to distribute over \$10,000,000 sterling contributed by Mr. Rockefeller, has resigned.

Doctor Flexner, who at present is lecturing at Oxford under the Rhodes Trust, recently criticised London University. Doctor Graham Little, in a reply to this, criticised Dr. Flexner's "half baked doctrines."

CHING'S SUCCESSOR.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, May 25th. After the dismissal of General Ching Chien, the Hankow Political Commission has announced the appointment of General Li Ming Ho to succeed General Ching as commander of the sixth army corps, while General Hu Kwang Jih will be vice-commander. The first portion of the "Fourth Army group" have arrived at Shihchiachung. Southern Chihli, where they will be under the command of General Pei Chung Hsi. They will join in the Northern expedition.

SHANSI ADVANCE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, May 25th. The Fengtienese troops under General Ko Wei Yo are concentrating at Kalgan, where a first defence line has been established to resist the Shansi troops, while other Fengtienese army corps are stationed at Sunfa, Wailoi and Nankow Pass.

HWANG FU TO CONTINUE?

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, May 25th. At a meeting of the Nationalist Government at Nanking yesterday afternoon it was decided to ask Mr. Hwang Fu to resume his post as Foreign Minister.

FOURTH GROUP MOVES NORTH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The Kuomin reports that the Fourth Group Army, consisting of the 17th, 30th, 38th, 43rd and 44th Nationalist Armies, commanded by Pei Chung Hsi, is reported to have arrived at Shihchiachung.

DIFFICULTIES OF THE LEAGUE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, May 25th. According to a Chinese report from Geneva, Mr. Chicherin has telegraphed to the Secretariat of the League of Nations, accusing the latter of making light of the Tsinan Affair. It is also stated that the members of the League are generally of the opinion that the future relation between League and China will constitute a very difficult question. Such difficulties will have to be overcome if the members of the League want to prevent Russian activities in China.

POSTAL CENSORSHIP.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, May 25th. General Saito has issued an order to search all suspected houses in which anti-Japanese literature and documents are reported to be hidden. He has also given instructions for a censorship on postal and telegraphic services.

JAPAN'S EDUCATION MINISTER.

NEW APPOINTMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, May 25th. Mr. Kazuo Shoda, the late Finance Minister, has been chosen to succeed Mr. Mizuno, the Education Minister, whose resignation is announced.

JAPAN'S APPROVAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, May 25th. The Cabinet has approved the reply to America's anti-war proposals. It is understood that she accepts the principle, but suggests a few minor modifications.

"ITALIA" DELAYED.

MEETS STRONG HEAD WINDS.

THE POLAR FLIGHT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

KING'S BAY, Spitzbergen, May 25th. The Italia met with strong head winds while returning from the Pole, but is expected to arrive here at noon to-day.

PHOSGENE TRAGEDY.

CABINET INVESTIGATION.

NOT FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, May 24th. The Cabinet to-day met in discussion of the poison gas catastrophe at Hamburg, and it was stated by Herr Curtius, the Minister of Economics, that a Government expert has been sent to Hamburg to investigate the affair.

He also informed the Cabinet that it has already been established that the Phosgene was not stored for military purposes.

SOUTHERNERS PASS THROUGH.

A SHANTUNG CITY ON LINE OF MARCH.

NOTHING TO COMPLAIN OF.

CHOUTSUN, Shantung, May 2nd.

Following on the occupation of Tsinan yesterday (May 1) by the Nationalists this town was to-day quietly and peacefully entered in an orderly manner by 2,000 of the troops of Chen Tiao Yuan. We watched the procession slowly pass and heard the shouts, such as "Shih-Hing Son Min Chu I," i.e., Put into practice the Peoples Three Principles; and "Sun Chung Shan won sui" i.e., Long Live Sun Chungshan (Sun Wen).

The soldiers were welcomed at the station by the representatives of the various organizations in the town, including the Japanese soldiers. The motley crowd of cooks, water-carriers, barrow pushers, etc., brought up the rear and just outside the Mission Hospital gate an unheeded incident occurred.

One of the bags of rice burst open and the contents trickled through on the ground. After the soldiers had gathered up most of what fell some beggars came to get the fragments left in the dust. A Chinese friend was kind enough to express approval of a remark I made, "By this we see that the most important of the Three Principles is Min Sheng, the people's livelihood."

Demism and Dishpans. For some three days a state of tension has ruled here and the gates have been carefully guarded and something looking like guns mounted on the walls. An attempt was made hastily to repair a weak place or two in the walls. On April 30th, a detachment of Liu Tze Lu's troops paid us a visit. One soldier came right into the hospital premises and ran merrily round the doctor's garden coming in smiling at the front door. He was a little surprised when he found two foreigners in the dining room. He bowed politely and requested the use of a pan to heat his rice in. We saw nothing very inconsistent with the Three People's Principles in granting his request and very soon the hospital kitchen fire was in use for quite a group of these visitors.

By four o'clock next morning the whole lot had left for Weihai. From such reports as it has been possible to obtain it seems that where Chambers of Commerce and village elders and gentry have been wise enough to offer such things as hot water, cigarettes, and a little pan chieh (food money), the soldiers (Northern) have not indulged in any looting. Some of them had bare feet, and it was impossible not to feel some human sympathy for them in their difficulties. — N.C. Daily News.

INCORPORATING THE DOMINIONS.

CORDIAL U.S. ATTITUDE.

REPLY TO BRITISH SUGGESTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 24th. The United States Ambassador has handed to the Foreign Office a Note, dated May 22nd, inviting the Governments of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India to become original parties to the Treaty for the renunciation of War.

Identical Notes have been delivered by the United States Ministers at Ottawa and Dublin to the Governments of Canada and the Irish Free State.

The Note says that the U.S. Government has received with keenest satisfaction the information conveyed in the British Note of May 19th (that the Governments of the Dominions and India had cordially agreed with the general principle of the anti-war Treaty) and gladly acceded to the British suggestion that the Dominions and India should participate in the Treaty individually, and as original signatories.

Accordingly these Governments are cordially invited through the British Government to become original parties. Any future communications from the Government of U.S.A. on the subject of the Treaty after it is acquainted with the views of all the Governments to which the original Note was addressed, will be also sent to the Governments of the Dominions and India.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS IN TIENTSIN.

UNPAID AND WITHOUT PROPER FOOD.

REMNANTS OF CHANG TSUNG CHANG'S ARMY.

A sad story is told, says the Peking and Tientsin Times, of the sufferings of the Russian officers and men who have been in the military service of Chang Tsung Chang, the whilom Tupan of Shantung, who have apparently been discarded since the evacuation of Tsinan without having received any pay for many months and without any food provision.

It appears that 200 Russian officers, N.C.O.'s and men, in many cases with their wives and children, were brought to Tientsin. The men were placed in one filthy Chinese inn and the women and children in another. Both these inns are situated near the Central Railway Station. The Chinese authorities, it seems, simply said to both parties "You can stay here" but made no provision for payment for even this humble lodging with the result that the inn proprietors are now asking for money. The Russians, unpaid for months, are penniless.

Wretched Conditions. Hearing of the plight of these unfortunate people, the Committee of the Russian Community in Tientsin sent a delegation to visit them and see what amelioration could be effected in their condition. One of these gentlemen relates how he found in one small room in a space of about one square chieh (about 20 square feet), four women and three children—seven persons! In the men's inn he saw an officer gnawing an ancient and half-rotten piece of Chinese bread. No one had anything to drink but water. There were no sanitary arrangements in either of the places and the miserable condition of the inmates could be imagined.

The Committee of the Russian Community have taken up the matter as energetically as funds permit. It appears that altogether about 300 Russians have been evacuated from Shantung but a few have friends and relatives in Tientsin and the question of the welfare of these is already settled. The men all came here with arms, but their arms have been taken away by the Chinese authorities which is the sign that the military authorities no longer count them as being in the Chinese service. The men sent a deputation to Marshal Chang Tsung Chang at the front asking for some money, if only a small subsidy for food, but without avail. Mr. Orloff, as Chairman of the Russian Community Committee, has written to the Chief Adviser to Marshal Chang Tsung Chang, himself a Russian, but has hitherto received no reply.

Meanwhile, the Committee has taken four women and their children into their Hotel in the Russian Concession and it is their intention to take more of the families. The Committee is also endeavouring to find a godown to house the men and to provide decent food for them.

ITALY'S WISHES FULFILLED.

SHARE IN TANGIER'S AFFAIRS.

CONFERENCE OF POWERS ENDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, May 25th. The Tangier Conference Agreement created for Italy a new seat on the Tangier Municipal Assembly, and also gives Italy a seat on the judicial bench of the Tangier international Court.

In view of the Agreement it is now expected that Italy will adhere to the International Statute of 1924 as modified by the Franco-Spanish agreement of last March. Her requests for executive, legislative and judicial representation have, after all, been satisfied.

Agreement Reached. The conference between delegates of France, Britain and Italy regarding Tangier has concluded, an agreement having been reached.

The draft is now to be submitted to the respective Governments.

PRINCE OF WALES' TOUR IN AFRICA.

THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER. [THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 24th. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is expected to complete his tour of the Empire this year by a visit to East Africa.

In this connection, the Duke of Gloucester, in a speech in London, declared that he will accompany the Prince this autumn on a long trip to British Africa.

WHITSUN RECESS.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS TILL JUNE 5th.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 24th. The House of Commons has adjourned until June 5th for the Whitsun Recess. The House of Lords adjourned until June 7th.

GREEK DICTATOR'S FATE.

PANGALOS TO BE RELEASED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ATHENS, May 24th. An interesting development in the political situation is likely to follow a recommendation by the Parliamentary Judicial Commission that the ex-Dictator, General Pangalos, who has been detained awaiting trial on a charge of subverting the Constitution, shall be released on bail.

FRENCH TRADE FIGURES.

FOUR MONTHS' RETURNS.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PARIS, May 24th. The French imports for the first four months of 1928 totalled 17,374,000,000 francs, showing a decrease of 19,000,000 francs as compared with the same period of last year. The exports totalled 17,049,000,000 francs, showing a decrease of 1,086,000,000 francs, but an increase of 1,500,000 tons.

BIG POWER MERGER PLANNED.

MELLON FAMILY INVOLVED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, May 24th. According to statements in the newspapers, negotiations are in progress for a merger of the United Light and Power Company and the American Light and Traction Company, involving properties worth altogether about \$75,000,000. It is understood that the Koppers Company of Pittsburgh, in which the Mellon family is largely interested, is behind the negotiations.

ALL SAFE.

STAR OF FALKLAND WRECK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SETTLE, May 24th. Splendid work has been done by the coastguard staff, assisted by other willing workers, and it is now reported that the entire crew of passengers of the ill-fated Star of Falkland have been saved.

AUTONOMIST TRIAL ENDS.

FRENCH DEPUTIES SENTENCED.

NOISY SCENES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLMAR, May 24th. Sentence has been passed in the sensational case concerning Dr. Ricklin, the Alsace-Lorraine Autonomist, and Rosse, who were recently elected to the Chamber, and other prominent leaders of the Autonomist Party.

They were charged with plotting against the internal safety of France by fomenting a movement in favour of a complete rupture of Alsace-Lorraine with France.

Over 350 witnesses, including many priests, gave evidence, and the accused insisted on the trial being conducted in two languages, the proceedings being translated into German, it being suggested that the accused were insufficiently acquainted with French.

Dr. Ricklin was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and five years' interdiction, or banishment from Alsace. Rosse, Schall, and Faschauer were similarly sentenced. Sejour and eleven others were released.

COLMAR, May 24th. There were noisy demonstrations inside the court and a number of free fights outside, illustrating the intensity of the feeling aroused by the protracted trial.

The prisoners were found guilty, but it was stated that the Courts found extenuating circumstances.

FLAG TORN FROM CONSULATE.

AUSTRIAN YOUTH'S DEED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

INNSBRUCK, May 24th. A rather serious incident occurred in the course of an anti-Italian demonstration in front of the Italian Consulate to-day, on the occasion of the celebration of Italy's entry into the Great War. Two youths climbed the walls of the Consulate and hauled down the Italian flag.

The Austrian authorities immediately re-hoisted the flag on the demand of the Italian Consul, and have promised to punish the culprits.

STOCKHOLM'S PROGRESS.

PUBLIC ENTERPRISES RUN AT A PROFIT.

Most of the institutions and boards of the city of Stockholm have now published their annual finance reports for the past year, showing, so far, a total surplus of income above expenditure of 12.8 million kronor, and it is foreseen that the final result will be a surplus of 14 to 15 millions. The City Board of Health reports a surplus of over 1.56 million kronor, the department of public schools 404,000 kronor and the electricity and gas works department 5,500,000 kronor. Simultaneously the port of Stockholm publishes figures showing a development beyond all expectations. Since 1900 the total length of quays has been doubled and the average depth increased from 7 to 10 metres, while the floor space of storing, custom and warehouses has grown from 22,000 to 84,000 square metres, and the loading facilities include 88 machine-driven cranes. The total port traffic in the last twenty years rose from about 8,500,000 to 9,800,000 net tons, and the net income of the port has also risen considerably.

CHILD'S DISFIGURED LEG.

21,250 AS ITS SHORT-SKIRT VALUE.

JOHN BARKER, of Heswall, Cheshire, a golden-haired girl of four, brought an action at Liverpool Assizes for damages for personal injuries against Mr. Cland Geoffrey Churton, a retired wine merchant, of Heswall.

It was stated that Joan left her mother in a shop, "toddled" across the road to make friends with a dog, and was knocked down by Mr. Churton's car. She would be permanently disfigured by an injury to her leg. For Joan, Mr. W. Proctor said, "In these days of short skirts a girl would deplore having anything wrong with her legs." It was submitted for the defence that the child stepped off the pavement directly in front of the car. Joan was awarded £21,250 damages, with costs.

HONG KONG RACES.

TWO DAY MEETING.

KEEN CONTESTS EXPECTED.

[BY EARLY BIRD.]

Interest in the racing at Happy Valley to-day will centre chiefly in the Third Aggregate Stakes. The event which is the classic race of the meeting is run over one mile carries \$500 in prize money for a win, and gains points towards a cup which is valued at \$1,000. Provision is made in the conditions for penalties and allowances.

Boxing Eve, One Third and San Diego who figure among the entrants are considered the pick of the ponies at present in training and are likely to be the only starters. The relative ability of each of the ponies mentioned has been the principal topic of conversation in sporting circles since the publication of the entries, and I have no doubt that interest will be maintained until the race is finally settled. As to the ultimate result I am confident that Boxing Eve will prove superior as his own and at the moment he is the fittest contender on the course.

The Handicap events of which there are five will in most cases produce bigger fields and if I am not mistaken several upsets of form are likely to occur. I have carefully studied the weights and I have come to the conclusion that these particular events will be keenly contested and should provide some excellent finishes with the possibility of an occasional surprise for backers.

The opening event is the "C" Class Handicap over six furlongs and I have a hunch that the winner will come from Dr. Reidy's stables. He has a number of good ponies capable of big things in their particular class. San Diego, Mowgli, Isosyad, Tarzan, Tartar and Tarmadad are among the likely ones in addition to which Dr. Reidy is interested in Tangle, Boukka, Skipper and Snipper, therefore, I would advise backers to keep them in mind when they are placing their little mite on. In making my selections for the first race I am of the opinion that the winner will be found among Tartar, Fanling Stag, Zin or Duke of Nieblung.

Eight starters should go to the post for the "B" Class six furlong Handicap and I believe San Diego will show the way to Erstwhile Boukka and Kom Tong Hall. About the same number of runners will face the starter for the "A" Class six furlong Handicap. This is a cinch for Blackstone Hall who will have no difficulty in breaking down the opposition that may come from Caesar, Fifty Fifty and Chow Tze Lon.

Race No. 4, Boxing Eve, One Third and San Diego. In the Cuckoo Rock Stakes over a distance of one mile our little friend Mowgli will come home on the bit despite the fact that he has to carry top weight. Fair Eyes is good for a place here with the chance of the third place being filled with Chitto providing Clark has the mount.

The Polo Pony Scoury will go to Mr. Beith's elect with Fire Call for third place. The Haugh is a certainty for the Peng Chau Stakes over the half mile. My Toy and Siang River will probably fill the other places. The Beaufort Handicap "B" Class over one and a quarter miles is the hardest race on the card to spot. The winner will be found in Tangle, As You Like It, Full Moon or Man of War. The Beaufort Handicap "A" Class one and a quarter miles will be won by Peck who may possibly have a tussle with New Year's Eve before finally catching the judge's eye. Fifty Fifty will supply the other place.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

My selections for to-day are—

- 1st Race.
1. Tartar.
2. Fanling Stag.
3. Zin or Duke of Nieblung.

- 2nd Race.
1. Snoring.
2. Erstwhile.
3. Kom Tong Hall.

- 3rd Race.
1. Blackstone Hall.
2. Fifty Fifty.
3. Caesar.

- 4th Race.
1. Boxing Eve.
2. One Third.
3. San Diego.

- 5th Race.
1. Mowgli.
2. Fair Eyes.
3. Chitto.

- 6th Race.
1. Mr. Beith's Elect.
2. Fire Call.
3. Mr. Beith's Elect.

- 7th Race.
1. The Haugh.
2. My Toy.
3. Siang River.

- 8th Race.
1. Tangle.
2. As You Like It.
3. Full Moon or Man of War.

- 9th Race.
1. Peck.
2. New Year's Eve.
3. Fifty Fifty.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

OLD RIVALS MEET.

TWO MATCHES TO-MORROW.

Several changes are being made in the League programme to-day. In the "A" Division only one of the three matches will be played, this being the tie between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Hong Kong Cricket Club. The match between the Indian Recreation Club and Craignower Cricket Club, which was expected to be a close struggle, has been put off and will probably be decided next week, while the M.B.K. who should have played the Chinese Recreation Club today, will meet the Chinese on Sunday on the latter's courts at Causeway Bay. In the "B" Division the South China Athletic Association v. M.B.K. fixed for to-day also been put forward for to-morrow.

The Hong Kong Cricket Club is expected to beat the Kowloon Cricket Club to-day. The former who finished at the bottom of the "A" Division last year, has a much better team this season and after their convincing performance against the M.B.K. on Wednesday, it is expected that they will make a bid for honours. Kowloon has probably the weakest team in this Division.

Closer competition is expected in the "B" Division. The meeting of the Chinese Recreation Club and the Indian Recreation Club brings to memory the struggle between these two Clubs since 1923. They are old rivals, but the Chinese have proved themselves superior for the last two seasons and in all probability they will win to-day. The Hong Kong Cricket Club receive the Club de Recreo and it will be the nature of a test match for the future of the "B" Division. A very close match is anticipated. University and Craignower are both weak and some even scores should result in their match. Craignower should beat the Royal Engineers.

The usual crop of matches has been fixed for the "C" Division. The Chinese Recreation Club's two teams will again be in action as well as those of the Club de Recreo. The programme for the week-end is as follows:—

"A" Division.

Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C.

"B" Division.

Hong Kong C.C. v. Recreo. Chinese R.C. v. Indian R.C. University v. Kowloon C.C. Royal Engineers v. Craignower.

"C" Division.

Filipino Club v. R.A.O.C. Recreo II v. South China A.A. Chinese R.C. I v. Recreo I. Hong Kong C.C. v. Indian R.C. Kowloon C.C. v. Y.M.C.A. Nippon Club v. Civil Service C.C. Kennedy Road M.C. v. Chinese R.C. II.

Kowloon Indian T.C. v. R.A.M.O.

TO-MORROW.

"A" Division.

Chinese R.C. v. M.B.K.

"B" Division.

South China A.A. v. M.B.K.

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

Saturday, June 16th, will be a "Club Day" when the American Mixed Doubles (Handicap) Tournament for prizes kindly presented by Mrs. R. Hancock, Mrs. Tottenham and Mrs. Doyle (postponed on account of weather) will be held.

Entrants to be made in Mixed pairs before June 13th to Mrs. J. R. Craig, Hon. Secretary, Civil Hospital. Play to commence at 3 o'clock.

Players to provide their own balls. Tea will be provided.

An Exhibition Match (Men's Doubles) will also be played.

FRENCH HARD COURTS CHAMPIONSHIP.

ARGENTINE SURPRISE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, May 24th.

The French Hard Courts Tennis Championships have opened, and there is a representative international entry. The feature of the tournament to date is the victory of Boyd and Robson, the Argentinians, over F. T. Hunter (America) and Norman Brookes (Australia).

The match was in the second round of the competitions, and the Argentinians won by three sets to one, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1.

JACK JOHNSON KNOCKED OUT.

TOKYO, Kansas, April 30th.

"Beast" Wright, the Omaha Negro, knocked out Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion of the world, in the fifth round of a match staged here last night.

Wright weighed 151 lb., and Johnson weighed 161 lb.—Reuter.

Johnson won the championship for the first time nearly twenty years ago, when he defeated Tommy Burns at Sydney, Australia (December 26th, 1908).

POLICE FOOTBALL "SIXES."

INTER-DIVISION COMPETITION.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

The Police Training Section of the Hong Kong Police Force who have taken over the old school buildings of the Diocesan Boys' School in Nathan Road are making full use of the adjacent football ground, and tennis Courts. During the past few days an Inter-Division Football Competition has been started with the idea of keeping the men fit and providing recreation. Ten teams from all the Divisions of the Police Force have entered with sides of six men. Five matches are played each week, and the competition will carry on into August.

The games are carried out under the usual League rules with two points for a win, and one for a draw. The winners will be presented with Cups, and the runners-up will receive silver medals.

Yesterday's Game.

The game played yesterday between the Eastern Section and the Traffic Department resulted in a easy win for the former by a big margin of six goals to nil. The teams played twenty-minutes each way, and Orem for the Eastern Section had four goals to his credit. The remaining two were shot by May and Kirby. The C.S.P. (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.) and the D.S.P. (Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E.) were present at the game played yesterday.

Fixtures List To June 15th.

Monday, May 28th:—Central v. Western.

Tuesday, May 29th:—N.T.S. v. V.G.

Wednesday, May 30th:—P.T.S. v. N.T.N.

Thursday, May 31st:—W. Police v. Eastern.

Friday, June 1st:—Western v. Traffic.

Monday, June 4th:—Central v. N.T.S.

Tuesday, June 5th:—Western v. N.T.N.

Wednesday, June 6th:—Eastern v. P.T.S.

Thursday, June 7th:—W. Police v. V.G.

Friday, June 8th:—N.T.S. v. Traffic.

Monday, June 11th:—Central v. N.T.N.

Tuesday, June 12th:—Eastern v. V.G.

Wednesday, June 13th:—N.T.S. v. W. Police.

Thursday, June 14th:—P.T.S. v. Western.

Friday, June 15th:—N.T.N. v. Traffic.

FOOTBALL.

SOUTH CHINA v. SCOTS GUARDS.

TO-DAY'S MATCH AT CARO LINE HILL.

The South China Senior XI will play the Scots Guards at 5.30 to-day at Caroline Hill South China ground.

The following will represent South China:—Pau Ka Ping, Li Chi Sang, Lau Ka, Leong Wing Chin, Leong Wing Tak, Pang Wa King, Lau Ma, Wong Mee, Fung King Cheong, Pau Ka Cheun, Ip Pak Wa.

The following will represent Scots:—Pau Ka Ping, Li Chi Sang, Lau Ka, Leong Wing Chin, Leong Wing Tak, Pang Wa King, Lau Ma, Wong Mee, Fung King Cheong, Pau Ka Cheun, Ip Pak Wa.

SPORT AS WAR TRAINING.

BERLIN.

General von Seeckt, formerly commander-in-chief of the German Army, is advocating polo as a sport for the men of cavalry regiments as well as for the officers.

He advances the characteristic German view that the object of sport is to fit men to be soldiers, and he therefore commends hunting as invaluable for cavalrymen.

£6,000 FOR VASE.

SALE OF JUDGE GARY'S ART TREASURES.

New York.

Four sessions were required for the sale of the art collection of the late Judge Gary, formerly chairman of the United States Steel Corporation.

The sale began at the American Art Gallery, when a Kang-hi "Black Hawthorne" vase fetched \$2,000, a record price for this style of porcelain. Three rare green Hawthorne porcelains sold for \$4,500.

The Gary collection fell into four divisions—Chinese porcelains, palace rugs, 18th century French furniture and paintings. The Chinese porcelains fetched a total of \$23,185.

BRITISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE SEMI-FINALISTS.

WETHERED'S NARROW WIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 24th.

The field in the British Amateur Championship at Prestwick has now been narrowed down to eight. Quite the feature of the Championship has been the remarkably accurate play of that fine golfer, Mr. Beaumont Pease, the 60-year-old Chairman of Lloyd's Bank. Yesterday Mr. Pease disposed of Sir Ernest Holderness, while to-day he beat the South African, McMaster, by 5 and 4 in the morning, and in the afternoon won from Ellison, twice English Champion, at the 29th.

The young Scottish doctor A. McCallum, among whose victims is Cyril Tolley, to-day beat the Scottish International, W. Torrance, by 7 and 6. R. H. Wethered was not playing consistently, but just managed to beat the Glasgow student McKinlay on the last green.

Sixth Round.

T. Perkins (Castle Bromwich) beat N. Dickson (Glasgow) by 4 and 2.

E. Tipping (Ashdown Forest) beat J. Lang by 6 and 5.

D. Tulloch (Cathkin brass) beat A. McCallum at the 20th.

R. H. Wethered, beat Beaumont Pease at the 21st.

MR. BALDWIN AND HIS PEN.

NO OFFERS TO WRITE FOR NEWSPAPERS.

"PENNY A MILE."

Mr. Baldwin caused roars of laughter at the Savoy luncheon to Lord Burnham on April 25th, when he carried the "Should Cabinet Ministers write for Newspapers?"

Ministers write for Newspapers? In a series of amusing digressions at Lord Birkenhead, who sat within a few yards of him.

The luncheon was given by the Institute of Journalists to mark the retirement of Lord Burnham from the proprietorship of the Daily Telegraph. Mr. R. D. Blumenthal, president of the institute and editor-in-chief of the Daily Express, provoked the Prime Minister when he said with a smile: "We are all journalists here—that is, of course, excepting the Prime Minister."

Mr. Baldwin then rose and made a speech which was punctuated by laughter from beginning to end.

Old Age.

"Both the married state and the single state are highly honoured," he said, "yet is there a woman who in her old age is not married and yet, looking back, does not like to feel that at one time she had an offer of marriage? I am a sex-segregationist. My colleagues are popular and in request."

Here the Prime Minister paused and glanced meaningfully towards Lord Birkenhead.

"I have never yet had a single offer to make a contribution to the Press on any subject," he continued. "But I am not of a jealous nature! The honours they are gaining leave me cold, and yet sometimes—I am not, of course, referring to my noble friend—when I read what I believe has been solicited and been rewarded with a remuneration which seems to me of full value, I cannot help feeling that if I tried I might produce something that, if not worth a penny a line, might at least be worth a penny a mile!"

"I think I could write the history of the fall of the Coalition Government. Other people have their views about me, but I have my views about them."

"When I retire or take to some other form of work I should like to feel there was one kind heart who, out of pity or whatever the motive might be, had once made me an offer to see my name with my own staff over it—and I lay stress on that!"

A Possibility.

"It may be made yet. It may even be made before I leave the room. I should like to see the words, 'Next week another powerful article by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, just as they have been used about Horatio Bottomley.'"

Lord Birkenhead smoked his cigar thoughtfully through the Prime Minister's witticisms, and the only reply he made was to say towards the end of his speech—undoubtedly a long apprenticeship to the task and ham and myself, mean to resist with all the means at our disposal the intrusion of exegansarian amateurs!"

Many fine tributes were paid to Lord Burnham's distinguished career. Among those present were Lord Reading, Lord Riddell, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Sir William and Sir Gomer Berry, Lord Astor, Sir Frank Newnes, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. H. A. Gwynne, and Mr. Arnold Bennett.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

Sunday.

9.25 a.m. E. C. Frederick and J. Cameron.

9.29 " A. D. Humphreys and T. G. Whist.

9.32 " T. L. Christie and K. S. Morrison.

9.36 " G. E. Ellams and G. H. Bell.

9.40 " E. D. Lawrence and R. Young.

9.44 " R. K. Valentine and L. G. S. Dodwell.

9.48 " P. P. J. Wodehouse and E. R. Hallifax.

Whit-Monday.

9.24 a.m. W. K. Tait and E. W. Monie.

9.28 " D. Forbes and G. H. Bell.

9.32 " E. C. Frederick and J. Cameron.

9.36 " J. M. Walker and E. D. Lawrence.

9.40 " T. L. Christie and A. E. Liseman.

9.44 " J. S. McEachran and D. J. Gilmore.

9.48 " K. S. Morrison and E. R. Hallifax.

DODGING DOG BETS TAX.

BOOKMAKERS' TRICKS.

NO REVENUE TICKETS USED.

Next to Association football, greyhound racing is the most popular sport in England.

Money is being poured into the betting rings of the dog-racing courses, but is a reasonable percentage diverted to the National Exchequer?

Bookmakers can, of course, make payments to the State on a system of weekly returns and their books are always open to inspection by Revenue officers.

Does The System Work?

That is the theory. But does it always work? I went to the White City recently, and while being thrilled by exciting races I could not discover how the State was benefiting from my wins and losses.

Said I to a friend who has gone to the dogs, "Where is the Revenue ticket which provides a tax?"

"Ah!" said he, "these bookmakers do not use tickets, but it is supposed that they are known to the inland Revenue authorities."

"Splendid," said I, looking at Indigo, a dog that seemed to be dying to win. I paid 5s. Did any faded out of that 5s. go to the State? I do not know. I had no Revenue ticket.

Tickets Torn Up.

Other dogs coloured orange, black, and white, and marine blue lost as cleverly as Indigo, and I paid for tickets which I secretly tore up.

"The somebody who seemed to know a lot about dogs insisted that I should back a hound named Japhisary. I backed it for 10s. at 11 to 10, the animal won and the bookmaker cheerfully gave me 21s. How much of that guinea went to the State? I do not know because there was no revenue officer near to witness the transaction. That bookmaker gave me one guinea without blushing."

The tickets I received from the bookmakers in the 10s. ring were the same old tickets I have received (and thrown away) in most of the racing centres of the country. I mean it was the same old game without any reference to the State.

If any revenue officers were at the White City on that night they missed one reckless gambler who just cleared his expenses.

Not A Penny.

Acting under instructions, I betted on every race and not once did I see a single penny going to the State, unless, of course, chartered accountants were waiting on the doorsteps of the bookmakers.

Said I to a man who knows so much about betting that he can always borrow his fare home, "Why is it that the State is not getting its graft?"

Said he: "If you bet in shillings you pay; if you bet in tens you pay; but if you bet in between you are safe."

He may be wrong, that immoral friend of mine, but I bet in pounds, and certainly I was safe to the extent that Mr. Churchill did not share my luck.

Despite the amply repeated statements that bookmakers' accounts are open to inspection by revenue officers, I am convinced that in greyhound racing the State does not get its share of the gamble. Myself, I paid nothing to the State. And all bookmakers are not altruists.

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Children's Service at 10.15 a.m.

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Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

Evening Service at 8 p.m.

Hymns—198, 271, 284 and 333.

Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

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A SCIENCE IN ITS INFANCY.

THE ERRATIC TROPICS.

Several officers are undergoing a special course of meteorology in preparation for the flight of R.100, which is promised to take place during the course of the ensuing summer. To use an Irishism, the more our airmen learn about the upper air, the less they find they know about it. The seaman long ago discovered all he needs to know about meteorology for his purpose. But occurrences in the atmosphere which would not affect him in the least on the surface of the ocean might make a vital difference to an aerial navigator. Air fountains, for example, were unknown until men began to fly. They then discovered what were first known as air pockets, and in the early days of under-powered aircraft many disasters were caused by encountering these vertical currents. The modern aeroplane is not appreciably affected by them, thanks to her very high velocity, but the airship rises and falls heavily on getting into an air fountain, bringing tremendous stress upon her elongated structure. It is claimed for R.100 that she has sufficient strength to withstand any strain that may be imposed upon her by the twisting action of a vertical current.

The science of meteorology has made wonderful strides, thanks largely to the necessity for an extended study of it imposed by aerial navigation. But, unhappily, it can never be reduced to the category of an exact science. The laws of storms have a nasty habit of disregarding themselves, more particularly in tropical regions, where violent spasmodic outbreaks occur without any warning. The sea-ship and the aeroplane are capable of meeting the unexpected in the way of weather to almost any degree, but the airship has her limitations in this respect. Whether it will be possible to extend these limitations to such an extent as to enable her to weather out anything short of abnormal conditions is the problem which the two new British airships will be set to solve. Their most enthusiastic champions must confess that, from the very nature of their design, they must always labour under considerable disabilities. The crucial question is as to whether a dependable standard of safety is attainable. So far this has certainly not been demonstrated. Given a definite standard of reliability, it will become practicable to discuss the utility of the airship in connection with the fighting services. But until this very big "if" has been disposed of—if, indeed, it ever can be disposed of—to enumerate the directions in which a great air cruiser, with a radius of 5,000 miles, would possess distinct advantages over an aeroplane is so far premature as to be little more than a waste of time.—*Naval and Military Record.*

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It now appears that Kreiner hid himself in the house "to heal his broken heart" and kept the one servant there to bring him water and the plainest sort of food.
Recently an heir to the estate decided to salvage the old house and while workmen were renovating it they discovered Kreiner's hiding place. Naturally it was thought that he was insane, but the police brought him before medical authorities who examined him, and not only found that he was sane, but that he was extremely witty. He was immensely amused at the clothes now worn by men. So far he has not seen any women, but the police tell him he has a treat in store when he does see them.—*United Press.*

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Hong Kong, 23rd May, 1928. [6281]

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TJIKEMBAK	BATAVIA	In Port	26th May	ANOI, SHANGHAI, K'UNING
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OSAKA via AMOY, SH'AL MOU & KOBE	"NAMSANG"	Sun., 3rd June, at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"KWONGSANG"	Mon., 28th May, at 9 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG" "KUTSANG"	Tues., 29th May, at 3 p.m. Fri., 8th June, at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Wed., 30th May, at Noon
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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	July 4	July 7	July 10	July 12	July 21
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 18	July 21	July 24	July 26	Aug. 4
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Aug. 8	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 16	Aug. 25
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 29	Sept. 1	Sept. 4	Sept. 6	Sept. 15
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Sept. 18	Sept. 21	Sept. 24	Sept. 26	Sept. 29
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Daily Statement, Waterfront News, Vessels Expected, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS AND THROUGH CARGO LOW.

GERMAN VESSEL'S 9,000 TONS THROUGH CARGO.

The cargo returns for Hong Kong showed a heavy decrease against the previous day's figures. Through freights also showed a decrease though one vessel carried 9,000 tons. Of the seventeen arrivals and fifteen departures, eight of the arrivals were British vessels.

The total amount of general merchandise discharged for this port amounted to 9,891 tons, and six British vessels contributed 6,151 tons. Two British ships were best carriers. The s.s. *Yungang* from Tientsin and Weihaiwei had 1,700 tons, while the s.s. *Antung* had 1,400 tons from Singapore and Amoy.

Eight vessels carried through cargo which amounted to 16,390 tons, of which four British ships were responsible for 3,070 tons. The German s.s. *Phatz* carried 9,000 tons from Hamburg and Singapore, while the s.s. *Kasado Maru* had 9,000 tons from Yokohama and Moji.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review are as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	3	3
Japanese	2	2
Chinese	3	3
German	1	0
Dutch	0	3
Danish	0	1
Norwegian	0	1
American	0	2
French	2	1
Italian	1	0
Total	17	15

VESSLS EXPECTED.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Change, June 8th.
Taiping, July 10th.

Bank Line.
City of Chester, to-morrow.
City of Tokyo, June 8th.

City of Bedford, June 22nd.
City of Peking, July 7th.

City of Osaka, July 13th.

City of New Castle, June 15th.

City of Evansville, July 20th.

City of Winnipeg, August 4th.

City of Delhi, September 1st.

City of Glasgow, September 29th.

British-India and Apecar Line.

Talava, May 31st.

Takawa, June 2nd.

Takada, June 6th.

Santha, June 9th.

Talamba, June 15th.

Empress of Asia, May 28th.

Empress of Canada, June 4th.

Dollar Steamship Line.

President Lincoln, May 28th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Pera, June 10th.

Danmark, July 18th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Tania, May 30th.

St. Albans, June 4th.

Araura, July 9th.

Glen Line.

Pembroke, to-day.

Gleniffer, June 8th.

Glenhane, June 29th.

Cardigan, July 9th.

Glenogle, July 20th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Perseus, to-morrow.

Monclaus, May 29th.

Pyrrhus, May 30th.

Hector, May 31st.

Adriatic, June 4th.

Mentor, June 8th.

Rhezenor, June 8th.

Tyndarus, June 10th.

Dardanus, June 18th.

Oanfa, June 20th.

Diomed, June 28th.

Antiochus, June 28th.

Astus, June 29th.

Gladius, June 29th.

Proteus, July 3rd.

Lucan, July 8th.

Philoctetes, July 8th.

Ningchow, July 16th.

Achilles, July 21st.

Talhybius, July 24th.

Thesus, July 25th.

Aeneas, July 30th.

Phemius, August 4th.

Bellerophon, August 6th.

Calchus, August 11th.

Automedon, August 17th.

Ulysses, August 22nd.

Sarpedon, August 22nd.

Macchus, September 10th.

Patroclus, September 20th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and

Hugo Stinnes Lines.

Preussen, to-morrow.

Ludendorff, to-morrow.

Hindenburg, June 13th.

Albert Voelker, June 13th.

Rhein, June 24th.

Oldenburg, July 7th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tzapanas, to-morrow.

Tzondari, May 28th.

Tzibodas, June 4th.

Messageries Maritimes.

D'Artagnan, June 5th.

Sphinx, June 5th.

Angere, June 19th.

Min, June 23rd.

Paul Lecat, July 3rd.

Andre Lebon, July 17th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Moji Maru, to-day.

Kamo Maru, May 28th.

Hakusan Maru, June 1st.

Muroran Maru, June 1st.

Tenyo Maru, June 4th.

Morioka Maru, June 7th.

Wakasa Maru, June 8th.

Dakar Maru, June 9th.

Sado Maru, June 10th.

Fuji Maru, June 12th.

Araka Maru, June 15th.

Kitano Maru, June 15th.

Korua Maru, June 18th.

Tango Maru, June 19th.

Haruna Maru, June 25th.

Shinyo Maru, July 3rd.

Durban Maru, July 8th.

Hordeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Saarbrücken, June 4th.

Remscheid, June 22nd.

Coblentz, July 2nd.

Ludwigshafen, July 18th.

Fulda, July 30th.

Oder, August 15th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Alipore, May 31st.

Seymour, June 2nd.

Nankin, June 5th.

Khyber, June 7th.

Delta, June 9th.

Hawalpindi, June 21st.

Nellore, July 3rd.

Kashmir, July 5th.

Rajputana, July 19th.

Aikan, August 2nd.

Naldora, August 18th.

Kashgar, August 30th.

Morea, September 13th.

Macedonia, October 18th.

Prince Line.

Japanese Prince, June 5th.

Chinese Prince, June 29th.

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Agri, June 18th.

Delhi, June 17th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

MARINE COURT CASES.

TAIKOO WATCHMAN AND HIS DARRENED BOAT.

[By LONGSHOREMAN.]

Before Commander J. B. Newill at the Marine Court yesterday morning Lam Ah Tak, a watchman of the Taikoo Dockyards was summoned for being in charge of a motor-car whilst underway without a certificate of competency from the Harbour Master, and with failing to exhibit the regulation lights on No. 2 Motor-Boat whilst underway at 10.30 p.m. on the 20th instant.

Lance-Sergeant Whitty who made the arrest was in charge of the case, and the defendant pleaded guilty.

A European Official of the Taikoo Dockyards appeared in Court and explained that the defendant was a servant of the Company, whose duty it was to patrol the vicinity of the dockyards at night. The craft was not a motor-boat but was a rowing boat with an oil engine attached. The Dockyard official also remarked that the boat never carried any lights, as it would be observed by any robbers who might be nearby. He also said that the Dockyard Company had received permission from the Harbour Authorities in this connection in 1911.

The Magistrate decided to dismiss the first charge against the defendant, but imposed a fine of \$5 for failing to show the regulation lights.

No Lights.

Lo Sing stevedorman of a trading junk also appeared before Comdr. J. B. Newill with failing to exhibit the usual regulation lights on his trading junk whilst underway on the 24th instant.

Lance-Sergeant Goldsmith was in charge of the case and the defendant pleaded guilty and said that the wind had blown the light out, and that he did not know this until the arrival of the police.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5.

Lying Inshore After Dark.

Five mistresses and a master of cargo boats were summoned for mooring their craft within 100 yards of the low water mark during the prohibited hours.

Lance-Sergeant Elliott who made the arrest prosecuted and the five women defendants pleaded guilty.

The other defendant, produced a written permit from the Master of the s.s. *Kwong Tung*, the case against him was accordingly dismissed.

The five women were each fined \$10 with the alternative of 10 days' hard labour.

Sick List On S.S. "Rampura."

The master of the s.s. *Rampura*, the 16,000 tons P. & O. liner which arrived in Hong Kong from London and Singapore reports that there were three small outbreaks of infectious complaints on board during the voyage. A case of Scarlet Fever was landed at Penang, two cases of measles were put ashore at Aden, while five cases of mumps broke out on arrival at Singapore, and they were landed for treatment. The vessel carried 333 Portuguese subjects from Goa.

Atlantic Deck Passengers.

Eight vessels brought 639 Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

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